

# SENATOR DEMANDS '18' DRAFT TO FILL KOREA CASUALTIES

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## Trace Mink Coat in Probe of RFC 'Fix'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. — E. Merl Young, "expeditor" in the Reconstruction Finance Corp., was given stock at a fraction of its cost, and a loan of \$8,450 to buy a mink coat for his wife, Mrs. Loretta Young, it was testified today. The testimony was given by attorney Joseph H. Rosenbaum, who told the Senate banking subcommittee he had given the stock and made the loan.

Much of the testimony concerned the "natural royal pastel mink" coat worn by Mrs. Young, who is assistant to President Truman's private secretary. Rep. Pat Sutton (D-Tenn.) had charged in a House speech that it was part of Young's fee for helping a furrier who wanted an RFC loan.

Lewis Wheeler, vice-president of the Gunther-Jaeckel fur firm, testified today that the coat was originally charged to Young, but was later billed to Rosenbaum. He said Rosenbaum received the firm's

regular "courtesy discount" of 10 percent because he had served as Gunther-Jaeckel's attorney.

Further questioning brought out that Rosenbaum's firm obtained a five-year option on the stock of the American Basin Iron Co., and sold a half of its interest to Young for \$500. Young acknowledged that American Basin loaned him about \$30,000 last year to help pay for his \$52,000 home.

Young also testified he had purchased a part interest with Rosenbaum's father in a brewery at Flint, Mich. He said the purchase was made with a loan of \$8,500 from L. N. Rosenbaum.

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) drew from Young the statement that his borrowings have increased his indebtedness by \$80,000 within the past year.

Douglas commented that "donations can be concealed under the guise of loans."

## Communist Party Backs Daily Worker Fund Drive

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## WALL STREET MOGULS RUN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

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# Johnston Signs 10% Wage Formula

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston signed the 10 percent wage formula tonight, but asked the Wage Stabilization Board to make it more flexible. The order limits wage increases to 10 percent over Jan. 15, 1950. But Johnston sent a letter to Cyrus S. Ching, wage board chairman, asking for immediate action to exempt escalator (cost of living) clauses and some fringe benefits.

The United Labor Policy Committee will meet tomorrow, presumably to consider the Johnston move.

Johnston said Ching had called a meeting of the wage board for tomorrow afternoon, the first since labor members quit. He said he did not know whether labor members will attend.

In his letter to Ching, Johnston

asked the board to prepare new regulations permitting any increases under cost-of-living escalator clauses until June 30, even if they pierce the 10 percent ceiling, and to prepare new machinery excluding health, welfare and pension

plans from the 10 percent ceiling.

Unions have asked a ceiling 12 percent above January 1950, but have stressed "fringe" benefits.

Johnston said he "assumed" the escalator issue would be handled before Thursday, adjustment date in many contracts.

Johnston also asked for new rules on:

Automatic productivity increases, to be treated the same as the escalators, but through a "deferred payment" plan instead of in cash.

Hardships and inequities, to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

New plants.

Industries exempted from price control by the defense production act.



# Nat'l Peace Poll Set for March 9, 10, 11

Thousands of Americans will—on March 9, 10 and 11—gather “the first harvest of a nationwide peace poll,” the American Peace Crusade announced yesterday. The organization said peace campaign committees nationwide were preparing for all-out efforts during the weekend of March 9 as part of a week-long program that will wind up in Washington March 15 in the Peace Pilgrimage.

## COMING

## TOMORROW

## WHITHER ORGANIZED LABOR?

by William Z. Foster

## Fired State Employees Take Fight to Albany

By Michael Singer

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Dismissed state employees and spokesmen for the United Public Workers charged here today that positions in the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance were being filled by patronage appointees in violation of civil service principles.

The delegation of seven made their charge as the Kefauver committee was meeting in the Hotel Wellington here to look into reports of underworld connections with appointments in the State Legislature.

Since August, 1950, it was learned, 650 employees of the Division have been fired in New York City. Some of them had as much as 19 years service with the state.

Though jobs are available in other state agencies, nearly 500 of the dismissed workers are still without employment. Last Friday, a delegation had received assurance from Edward Corsi, State Industrial Commissioner, that he would support their program, calling for transfer of dismissed workers to other agencies without reduction in salary. The delegation won a pledge from Corsi to act before March 2, when annual leave accruals run out for the first group of fired workers.

Ewart Guinier, UPW secretary-treasurer, who headed the delegation, assailed claims of GOP fiscal leaders that state workers were getting a 16 percent salary increase. Guinier called the claims “palpably false.”

## France Plans No Reply to USSR Note

PARIS, Feb. 27.—France will make no reply to the latest Soviet note charging violation of the 1944 Franco-Soviet friendship pact, a Foreign Office said today.

The issue can be discussed at a Big Four meeting, the spokesman said.

## 10 Louisiana Prisoners Slash Tendons Again

ANGOLA, La., Feb. 27.—Ten of the 31 prisoners in the Louisiana State Prison here who had slashed their tendons above the heel with razor blades to escape prison brutality today severed the tendons of their other foot.

All the prisoners had cut the tendons of one foot on Feb. 19, but the facts were kept secret by the authorities. A prisoner who had served his time and was released disclosed the story of self-mutilation.

The prisoners said they were led to the drastic action because prison foremen and guards hit them with clubs and water-soaked ropes because they “didn’t move fast enough.” The 10 were in the hospital when they cut their second tendons.

When asked by a newspaperman why the 31 had done it, one answered, “We just couldn’t stand it any longer. We’d rather be in the hospital than take the beatings we had to take over there.”

## Peace Ballots Under Way in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—More than 18,000 peace ballots have already been distributed in the San Francisco Bay Area, the San Francisco Committee for the American Peace Crusade said.

At the same time, the name of the first Bay Area delegate to be selected for the March 15 national peace pilgrimage to Washington was announced.

She is Mrs. Miriam Chown of Oakland, who will be one of the Alameda County Independent Progressive Party’s delegates to the Washington gathering.

William Kerner, spokesman for the committee that is conducting the peace ballot campaign in the Bay Area, said a second printing of peace ballots will probably have to be made to take care of the demand.

The ballot asks one question. “Are you for bringing our troops back from Korea and for making peace with China now?” It contains a blank for a “yes” or “no” vote.

Kerner said the poll is being taken in organizations such as labor unions, in neighborhoods, on street corners. Generally, he said, a ballot box is used.

The ballots are being turned over to the local committee headquarters.

Marked ballots will be taken East by local delegates and presented to Congressmen from this area during the Washington mobilization, Kerner said.

## 61.5% Say Get Out, In Cleveland Poll

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—A majority of 61.5 percent of Cleveland News readers are for immediate U. S. withdrawal from Korea, a poll by the paper revealed. 75.7 percent opposed dropping the A-bomb now, 88.8 percent opposed the 18-year old draft and 66.8 percent opposed sending troops to Europe. 74.3 percent called for stiff price and wage controls.

The poll also showed 71.2 percent opposed to giving up use of the A-bomb as a weapon in wartime.

The News poll used several “loaded” ques-

tions which prevented readers from giving their exact views. For instance, one asked should “non-defense spending be cut drastically?” 82.6 percent answered yes. The poll avoided asking whether spending for housing, schools and hospitals should be cut. Similarly, there were no questions on the Truman seizure of Taiwan (Formosa), peace talks with the Soviet Union and People’s China, etc.

## Spread Seattle Peace Appeal

SEATTLE, Feb. 27.—The Seattle Emergency Peace Assembly is sending out letters and copies of its peace program to labor, religious and civic organizations and to individuals asking them to speak out now.

The Emergency Assembly, the city’s leading peace group, was organized as the result of a public meeting called by the Pastor’s Peace Fellowship.

Its program, which declares that “The ‘contain Communism by force,’ the ‘Truman Doctrine,’ has failed by defeat-by defect and by default,” was drafted at a recent meeting attended by more than 300 persons from all walks of life.

The letter calls on the people to “arise before it is too late, and halt the mad rush toward war.”

The program calls for immediate beginnings on a “plan for universal disarmament” and declares that “out of the bitter experience of our Korean venture” the people must demand withdrawal of all UN forces from Korea and adequate rehabilitation of that war-ravaged country, withdrawal from Formosa (Taiwan); “disavowal of all non-popular and undemocratic regimes now enjoying our actual or indirect support,” and recognition of new China and its admission to the UN.

The Assembly declares that “popular pressure can change the so-called ‘Great Debate’ into a real debate, dealing with realities.”

It urges letters to President Truman, congressmen and Trygve Lie and the organization of peace groups in homes, churches and communities.

## 8 Nationalists Convicted in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Feb. 27.—Eight members of the Nationalist Party tonight were convicted of “conspiracy” charges against the United States Government last October, when they initiated an armed struggle for independence.

The eight included Elio Torresola, and Blanca Canales Torresola, cousin.

Judge Thomas Roberts ordered all held without bail but did not immediately fix a date for sentencing.

The Nationalists face a possible maximum penalty of 35 years imprisonment and fines of \$40,000 or both.

Earlier today, a legal dispute forced postponement of the sentencing of Nationalist leader Pedro Albizu Campos for attempted murder for the third time in less than two weeks.

## Well, Why Doesn't the Gazette Run a Poll?

Jack Davis, of Fairmont State College, sent a letter to the Charleston (W. Va.) Gazette to the effect that 58 percent of the people polled in Fairmont, W. Va., answered “Yes,” to the question, “Do you favor withdrawal of American troops from Korea?”

“Our foreign policy,” he wrote, “got a thumbs-down count of 66 percent.” He told of a similar poll in Wheeling, W. Va., where 91 percent favored withdrawal from Korea.

He suggested that the Gazette conduct a similar poll as a “democratic way to find out how people think.”

The “Editor’s Note” was typical: “You may

be interested to learn,” it said, “that the New York Daily Worker, Communist newspaper, also found the Fairmont poll results so revealing it carried a full page on it in its edition of Jan. 23, 1951, expressing approval with this headline: ‘Mine Area Says: Quit Korea, Seek Agreement With USSR.’”

This reply was too much for the readers to swallow. In effect, they said, “So what?”

And Daniel H. Bennett, of Keslers Cross Lanes, wrote the Gazette saying that the editor of that paper “very foolishly and narrow-mindedly” mentioned that the Daily Worker wrote approvingly of the Fairmont and Wheeling polls. “How about a poll?” he insisted.

## British Navy League Opposes U.S. Chief

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Navy League opposed today as “wholly undesirable” the appointment of an American Admiral as supreme naval commander for the Atlantic.

## 30 UNORGANIZED MILLS JOIN WOOLEN STRIKE

Thirty unorganized mills employing a total of 10,000 workers have been drawn into the nationwide woolen strike to date, according to an estimate made public yesterday by the general office here of the CIO Textile Workers Union.

All the listed mills are in New England with the bulk in Rhode Island. In most cases the shutdown came after pickets from union mills appeared at plant gates of the non-union plants.

Whether the mills would stay shut and the workers would be unionized, was still a question, however, as the unionists were too often too slow to follow up the shutdowns with a vigorous education and organizing canvass of the newly-won forces.

At Greystone, R. I., for example,

it was reported that the Worcester Textile Co. reopened with some of its employees. The unorganized mill owners, in some instances, were also acting fast to obtain injunctions to bar pickets. The latest to obtain a writ barring pickets is Sidney Blumenthal & Co. of Pawtucket, R. I. which striking workers of the Lorraine Mill of that area sought to pull out.

At Passaic, N. J., a court order barring mass picketing was indefinitely extended.

There were no negotiations with American Woolen Company for any of the 160 struck mills affecting a total of 70,000 workers out for a raise of 15 cents an hour, pensions and welfare funds, and other improvements. The strike will round out its second week tonight.



# Communists Back 'Worker' Fund Drive

The national committee of the Communist Party yesterday endorsed the appeal of the Daily Worker and The Worker for \$200,000 to enable the working class papers to continue their crusade for peace. The committee also appealed for a fund of \$175,000 to meet its own needs for 1951. Deadline for the drives is May 1.

Appealing in the name of the national committee were Gus Hall, Henry Winston and John Williamson. Their statement follows:

The National Committee of the Communist Party wholeheartedly supports the appeal of the Daily Worker and The Worker for \$200,000.

Today it is of vital importance that the Daily Worker and The Worker continue to combat the poisonous barrage of lies, distortions, and chauvinist warmongering of the Wall Street ruling circles and their agents among the people. This poisonous propaganda of the press, the radio, the movies and other organs of Big Business, is directed against labor, against the Negro people, against all peace loving and democracy-striving Americans. It seeks to drown out the cry for peace which is now sweeping the entire country.

The Daily Worker and The Worker are indispensable not only to expose the war schemes of the imperialists, but to help organize the American People's fight for peace, for democracy, for economic security, and for equal rights for the Negro people.

The Daily Worker and The Worker are the only papers that day by day report "the greatest

story of our time"—the story of the grass roots sentiments of the American people for peace, for the withdrawal of American troops from Korea, for the outlawing of the atom bomb, for the seating of the Chinese People's Republic in the United Nations. Only the Daily Worker and The Worker exposes the "big lies" that the Socialist Soviet Union "threatens" the peace of the world, constantly advocating the possibility and necessity of peaceful co-existence and co-operation between the Capitalist and Socialist states.

Again it was the Daily Worker and The Worker which roused the people into action to prevent the barbarous murder of the Martinsville Seven, as they are now fighting to save the lives of Willie McGee and the Trenton Six. Only

these papers presented the side of the railroad workers in the recent railroad strike the Truman Administration so callously smashed. And today they speak out in support of the striking textile workers, seeking to develop solidarity action in the entire labor movement behind these workers.

The membership and leadership of the Communist Party have always responded with enthusiasm to the appeal to maintain and extend the influence of these two clear and honest voices which answer the double-talk deception and demagoguery of the men of the trusts and their press. We urge all Communists, all advanced fighters for peace, democracy and social progress to give all-out financial support to the present appeal to help defray the mounting deficit which

daily jeopardizes the publication of these papers. Without the immediate and quick response of all friends and supporters of the Daily Worker and The Worker, in this \$200,000 drive, to be completed by May 1, this danger will continue to remain. Rush all contributions NOW to the Daily Worker and The Worker, 50 E. 13 St., New York 3, N. Y.

The National Committee of the Communist Party at this time must also appeal for a fund of \$175,000 to meet its own needs for the year of 1951.

This money is needed to help realize in life the decisions of the 15th National Convention of the Party held at the end of last year. It is needed to expand the fight for peace—the central all-embracing (Continued on Page 9)

## State AFL, CIO Charge Plot to Kill Jobless Pay

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The State AFL and CIO charged today that employers are sponsoring a \$600,000,000 "steal" on the unemployment insurance reserve fund in a "plot to kill unemployment insurance" in this state. The Hughes-Brees bill, said to have Dewey backing, has the support of Standard Oil Co., General Motors and the main insurance firms in the state, the labor spokesman pointed out. The bill would expand the so-called "merit rating" system in insurance benefit payments.

"Now, with defense production booming, and unemployment the last thing in the minds of most people, they figure they can get away with it," the joint AFL-CIO statement said. "The national emergency is just a smokescreen to them, so they're moving in."

Testimony by Mrs. Lillian Gates, New York Communist Party legislative spokesman, last year before the Hughes committee helped stop the measure.

Sen. Hughes is a Syracuse corporation lawyer.

Labor is also suspicious of two other measures which have the support of Gov. Dewey. These are the Wadlin bills. One of these would authorize the Legislature to set up labor-management courts empowered to enforce decisions. The other creates a state commission on labor and industry to propose settlements in labor disputes.

## Tiber Rises

ROME, Feb. 27.—The Tiber River rose to a record height of 42.65 feet today and threatened sections of Rome for the first time in 15 years.

## Manhattan, Brooklyn Rallies Cheer Success of Sub Drive

A rally of 1,000 Manhattan Communists cheered Monday night at a platform announcement that the county's campaign had reached their goal of 2,500.

The rally, called to celebrate the 70th birthday of William Z. Foster, the Party's national chairman, heard national secretary Gus Hall describe Foster as "the greatest living American" who "symbolizes the only remaining reservoir of good will for the U.S. in the world today."

Manhattan's industrial goal of 2,500 was reached when workers in the distributive trades brought in some 230 subs during the past week for a total of 863 in the campaign. The goal of these workers was 850.

Workers associated with locals of the Fur Workers Council came

Some 450 Brooklyn Communist leaders met Monday night in Brooklyn to celebrate the Foster birthday, and the overfulfillment

of their 5,500 subscription quota for The Worker. The meeting recorded 5,850 subs. Howard Johnson, New York State educational director, made the keynote address on the Fight for Peace.

Charles Loman, organizational secretary of the Brooklyn Party, presented 30 autographed copies of the new Foster book to members from shop and community groups who led the drive.

The meeting was chaired by Bertha Lowitt, a regional organizer of the Williamsburg area of the Party.

Sections to receive the most honorable mention for setting the borough's high pace were: the 22d (Continued on Page 9)

## UNITED FRUIT CO. PROFIT BIGGEST IN FIRM'S HISTORY

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The United Fruit Co. last year earned the best profit in its history, \$66,159,375 or \$7.53 a share, compared with \$54,852,364 or \$6.25 in 1949, the company's 51st annual report disclosed today.

Consolidated operating profit, interest, dividends, and other income also established a new record at \$104,359,375, compared with \$83,894,268 in 1949.

## 300 in Boston Rally Back McGee Drive

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Three hundred Negro and white persons attended a "Free Willie McGee" rally in Boston Sunday afternoon in Butler Hall to hear Mrs. Rosalee McGee,

Robeson, and said, "After spending some time talking with Paul, I'm here to say that I am in the fight for the freedom of my people to the end, and I don't care who knows it!"

Mrs. B. Goodloe, of the New York State Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, accompanied Mrs. McGee and received an ovation when she declared, "We in New York have a slogan about the McGee case which I give to

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By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Senate today was urged to pass a bill drafting 18-year-olds to replace the 50,000 casualties in Korea, which were described as "the cream of the Army." This was the argument of Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex), Truman Administration representative charged with the job of punishing the Pentagon's conscription and universal military training bill through the Senate.

He was the leadoff speaker in the spiritless debate which opened today and which is expected to continue through next Tuesday.

Contending most of the time that no harm could come to the 18 year olds—at least until they reached their 19th birthdays—Johnson cited as his crucial argument: "of the 50,000 casualties suffered by the US forces in Korea, the great majority of them have been suffered by the Army. The ranks of trained, seasoned, experienced officers and men of the Army have been seriously depleted. The men we have been

losing were by and large the cream of the army."

But no one volunteers for the Army, he said, and its ranks must be replenished by drafting the youth as provided in this bill.

Late yesterday, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the House Armed Services Committee that 250,000 Americans were fighting in Korea and an additional 90,000 Americans in naval service were assigned to ships and bases in the Korea area. These figures do not include those in the U.S. Air Force serving in Korea, he said.

The bill now before the Senate is almost exactly what Defense Secretary George Marshall and other Administration leaders asked of Congress. Despite inspired reports that the preparedness sub-

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## Congress Report Asks Higher Taxes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A Joint Congressional Committee today called for still more cuts in purchasing power through higher taxes. This was the answer of the Joint Committee on the President's Economic Report to zooming prices which, it warned, might jump as high as 500 percent.

The report of the committee, headed by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), took the approach that inflation was caused primarily by consumers, rather than by Big Business profiteering and the government's war policy.

The report, meanwhile, was being refuted by nationwide reports of continued falling off of consumer purchases, the latest being a drop in retail meat sales because prices are climbing out of reach of most working people.

Other facts, not mentioned by the Joint Committee, indicating a

sharp drop in living standards were:

- Cash-ins of Series E saving bonds. The excess of cash-ins over sales for the first two months of this year amounts to \$108,000,000.

- Reports from virtually all savings banks that withdrawals are heavier than deposits.

Wall Street's papers, meanwhile, have been telling their readers than the main impetus to the inflationary rise is the government's huge war spending program, now estimated at \$75 billion for the next fiscal year.

In usual red-baiting fashion, the Committee said "Communism" was

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## POINT OF ORDER

'MONARCH OF THE SEA'

By Alan Max

Attlee has knuckled down and put the British fleet under the command of a U. S. admiral. Future performances of "Pinafore," with Attlee singing the main role, will probably sound something like this:

"I am Monarch of the Sea,  
The Ruler of the Queen's Navy,  
I don't take orders except, perchance,  
From my Wall Street cousin and his sisters  
and his aunts, etc., etc."

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# Greetings to Foster from Abroad

## CHINA

On occasion of the 70th birthday of Comrade William Z. Foster, chairman of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and the loyal and brilliant leader of the American working class, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China sends its warm greetings to Comrade Foster.

May the Communist Party of the U. S. A. headed by him succeed in the cause of uniting the people of America to oppose the vicious American aggressors and warmongers and to strive for Peace and a People's Democracy.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of China

Here are some of the greetings received from abroad by William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party on his seventieth birthday yesterday. Additional greetings will be published tomorrow.

On the occasion of your 70th birthday, the Chinese working people sincerely wish you the best of health. We are confident that under your leadership and the U. S. Communist Party, the righteous cause of the American working class struggle against Wall Street's aggressive foreign policy and internal fascist rule shall win final victory.

All-China Federation of Labor.

## ISRAEL

We send you ardent greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your 70th

birthday. Communists and all Progressives of Israel as in the entire world see in you an outstanding leader of the working class, appreciating your great contribution to the struggle against the American warmongers for a free, peace-loving America. We wish you good health and a long life in service to the cause of Peace, Democracy and Socialism.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Israel.

## BULGARIA

Accept our fraternal greetings on the occasion of your glorious 70th birthday and our heartiest wishes to you—the remarkable son of the American working class, the tried veteran and leader of the fraternal Communist Party of the U. S. A., courageous fighter against national and racial oppression, against imperialism and imperialistic mongers of a new war—for a long life and good health so that you could fruitfully serve still many years the cause of Peace, Democracy and Socialism.

We heartily embrace you.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Bulgaria  
V. CHERVENKOV

## N.Y. Cops Bar Street Meetings for McGee

A police captain has ruled that no street meetings can be held to protest the frame-up death sentence against Willie McGee, it was made known yesterday by the American Labor Party. Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio, state chairman of the ALP, yesterday made public a letter received by the ALP from Charles Humbeutel, the police captain, which stated:

"Application for permit to operate sound device at East 208 St. and Jerome Ave. on Saturday, March 3, 1951, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., for discussion of the Willie McGee case, sentenced to electrocution in Mississippi, has been disapproved for the reason that said subject has been tried in the courts of competent jurisdiction in the State of Mississippi, and in the opinion of the undersigned even a street meeting is out of order in this case."

Marcantonio commented:

"A police captain in our city dares to try to tell New Yorkers that they cannot meet in public assembly to protest the legalized lynchings of innocent Negroes."

"With unprecedented arrogance, Mayor Impellitteri's cops try to set themselves up as arbiters of what subjects may or may not be discussed in the exercise of free speech."

"The ALP demands that Police Commissioner Murphy and Mayor Impellitteri revoke at once the unlawful and dictatorial refusal of the permit."

"The ALP will not be deterred by unlawful police edicts from pressing the fight to save the life of Willie McGee."

## BUDENZ TAKES STAND AT TRIAL AGAINST IWO

Gov. Dewey's Insurance Department yesterday brought Louis F. Budenz to the witness stand in the liquidation proceedings against the International Workers Order.

Trade unionists and members of fraternal and civic organizations will picket the State Insurance Department, 61 Broadway, tomorrow (Thursday) at noon to protest the attempt to liquidate the IWO.

Budenz went into his usual finger-act, adding Rockwell Kent, president of the IWO, to his list. Budenz's appearance interrupted

the cross-examination of Matthew Cvetie, FBI spy.

Raphael Weissman, IWO counsel, presented Cvetie with testimony given the House Un-American Committee last year in which Cvetie claimed the Communist Party nationalities commission had met "two or three times a year" over a period of six years. In the present trial, Cvetie said he had attended 75 meetings of the commission.

Cvetie's cross-examination will continue today at 10 a.m. in Room 428, County Court Building, Foley Square. Budenz will be cross-examined Monday.

## Belfrage to Address Rally

McCann, who recently returned Cedric Belfrage, editor and author, will be among the speakers at tonight's (Wednesday) Riverside Plaza meeting in defense of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois. Among other speakers will be Thomas W. Richardson, chairman of the United Public Workers anti-discrimination committee, and Louis Burnham, editor of the new Negro monthly, Freedom.

The meeting will also hear David from a tour of China; actor John Randolph, Mrs. Amy Mallard, widow of a Georgia lynch victim, and Eve Merriam, poet.

Co-chairmen are Prof. Edwin Berry Burgum, chairman of the N. Y. Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, and Ruth Jett, executive director of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, co-sponsoring organizations.

## Rap Mrs. Roosevelt for Redbaiting Plea for Aid to Martinsville Martyrs

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Born, in a letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, accused Mrs. Roosevelt of protecting President Truman and his "deal with the Dixiecrats" in failing to bring to public attention the frame-up case of the Martinsville Seven. They charged that the President, the Democratic Party with its so-called liberal like Sen. Paul Douglas and Mrs. Roosevelt are "parties to the crime."

In their second letter, the Borns Roosevelt, the Borns asked that she intercede with President Truman and help save the lives of the innocent men.

Mrs. Roosevelt answered the Borns in the following curt note: "I have written to the Attorney General about the Martinsville Seven. Unfortunately, most of the organizations which protested

about these men seem to be Communists."

In their second letter, the Borns pointed out that Mrs. Roosevelt failed to make a single mention of the Martinsville Seven in her nationally-syndicated column, on her television program, or before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to which she belongs.

"One may assume," they wrote, "that you did know something of the case. But one wonders how much trouble you took to investigate it. The most cursory glance at the charges, the 'trials' and the legal trappings of the official lynching would have exposed the rottenness and vileness of the frame-up. It is hard to see how you could have learned the facts, and not done something more about it than write to the Attorney General."

As to Mrs. Roosevelt's redbait-

ing, the Borns added:

"That seems a curious thing for you to write. Why should you make this observation to strangers who asked your help? Did you reply in the same manner to all you wrote to? Was it your thought that you might frighten the people working for the freedom of the seven men? We don't know the political character if the organizations who protested. But one thing is certain: that had you so much as lifted your charming finger many, many more organizations of all kinds would have gone into action."

She did not raise her voice, they said, because "you knew that the President had made his deal with the Dixiecrats. You know that President Truman would not do anything to save these men. You chose not to embarrass him and his woeful administration."

## Wins Miami Trip, But Miami Is a Jimcrow Town

A Bronx woman won a two-week, all expenses paid vacation in Miami's swankiest hotel last night, but Miami won't have her.

The woman won out over a 1,000 other contestants in a Bond clothing fashion show held at a 35 St. and Fifth Ave. store. A hush fell over the audience as she stood up to accept the award.

She was a Negro woman, Negroes are not permitted in Miami's hotels, restaurants, beaches and amusement places. They are not permitted on Miami's streets after dark, unless they have a pass issued by police.

## NEW RETAIL PRICE ORDER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The based on frozen "mark-up" margin. Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle said the order, effective March 29, will result in some price increases and some rollbacks.

## 2 More Trusts Top Profit Record

Two of the nation's biggest companies, Radio Corporation of America and Westinghouse Electric Corp., yesterday announced the biggest profits in their history.

RCA racked up \$46,249,865 in profits, 84 percent more than the \$25,000,000 profit a year ago. Westinghouse rolled up \$77,922,944 in profits, \$10 million more than last year's figure.

## Oppose Fare Hike by LIRR

The American Labor Party of Nassau County yesterday called upon the Public Service Commission to deny the application of the Long Island Railroad for a 20 percent boost in commuter fares.

Henry Doliner, executive secretary of the Nassau ALP, declared that no matter how much money will be charged the commuter, the Pennsylvania Railroad will always draw off enough money to guarantee that the Long Island will run at a loss.

## Yorkville Forum On Nazi Rearming

German Americans of Yorkville will express their opinion on German rearmament at a Peace Rally called by the German-American committee of the 10th A. D. at 8 p.m., at the Yorkville Temple, 157 East 86 St., tomorrow (Thursday).

Vito Marcantonio, ALP State chairman, will be the only scheduled speaker. Chairman will be Frank Wedl, chairman of Local 848 of the Painters Union, AFL. The rest of the evening is set aside for expressions of opinion and discussion.

## MacA. Troops Numerically Larger in Korea

Lieut. Gen. Mathew B. Ridgway admitted yesterday that MacArthur's interventionist-troops in Korea had a numerically superiority over the Korean People's Army and Chinese volunteers, according to press dispatches from Tokyo.

Ridgway's 8th Army, consisting of 11 divisions, about 160,000 soldiers, was reported to be attacking the Korean lines yesterday, with very little change in battle lines.

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# Communists Back 'Worker' Fund Drive

The national committee of the Communist Party yesterday endorsed the appeal of the Daily Worker and The Worker for \$200,000 to enable the working class papers to continue their crusade for peace. The committee also appealed for a fund of \$175,000 to meet its own needs for 1951. Deadline for the drives is May 1.

Appealing in the name of the national committee were Gus Hall, Henry Winston and John Williamson. Their statement follows:

The National Committee of the Communist Party wholeheartedly supports the appeal of the Daily Worker and The Worker for \$200,000.

Today it is of vital importance that the Daily Worker and The Worker continue to combat the poisonous barrage of lies, distortions, and chauvinist warmongering of the Wall Street ruling circles and their agents among the people. This poisonous propaganda of the press, the radio, the movies and other organs of Big Business, is directed against labor, against the Negro people, against all peace loving and democracy-striving Americans. It seeks to drown out the cry for peace which is now sweeping the entire country.

The Daily Worker and The Worker are indispensable not only to expose the war schemes of the imperialists, but to help organize the American People's fight for peace, for democracy, for economic security, and for equal rights for the Negro people.

The Daily Worker and The Worker are the only papers that day by day report "the greatest story of our time"—the story of the grass roots sentiments of the American people for peace, for the withdrawal of American troops from Korea, for the outlawing of the atom bomb, for the seating of the Chinese People's Republic in the United Nations. Only the Daily Worker and The Worker exposes the "big lies" that the Socialist Soviet Union "threatens" the peace of the world, constantly advocating the possibility and necessity of peaceful co-existence and co-operation between the Capitalist and Socialist states.

Again it was the Daily Worker and The Worker which roused the people into action to prevent the barbarous murder of the Martinsville Seven, as they are now fighting to save the lives of Willie McGee and the Trenton Six. Only

these papers presented the side of the railroad workers in the recent railroad strike the Truman Administration so callously smashed. And today they speak out in support of the striking textile workers, seeking to develop solidarity action in the entire labor movement behind these workers.

The membership and leadership of the Communist Party have always responded with enthusiasm to the appeal to maintain and extend the influence of these two clear and honest voices which answer the double-talk deception and demagoguery of the men of the trusts and their press. We urge all Communists, all advanced fighters for peace, democracy and social progress to give all-out financial support to the present appeal to help defray the mounting deficit which

daily jeopardizes the publication of these papers. Without the immediate and quick response of all friends and supporters of the Daily Worker and The Worker, in this \$200,000 drive, to be completed by May 1, this danger will continue to remain. Rush all contributions NOW to the Daily Worker and The Worker, 50 E. 13 St., New York 3, N. Y.

The National Committee of the Communist Party at this time must also appeal for a fund of \$175,000 to meet its own needs for the year of 1951.

This money is needed to help realize in life the decisions of the 15th National Convention of the Party held at the end of last year. It is needed to expand the fight for peace—the central all-embracing (Continued on Page 9)

## State AFL, CIO Charge Plot to Kill Jobless Pay

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The State AFL and CIO charged today that employers are sponsoring a \$600,000,000 "steal" on the unemployment insurance reserve fund in a "plot to kill unemployment insurance" in this state. The Hughes-Brees bill, said to have Dewey backing, has the support of Standard Oil Co., General Motors and the main insurance firms in the state, the labor spokesman pointed out. The bill would expand the so-called "merit rating" system in insurance benefit payments.

"Now, with defense production booming, and unemployment the last thing in the minds of most people, they figure they can get away with it," the joint AFL-CIO statement said. "The national emergency is just a smokescreen to them, so they're moving in."

Testimony by Mrs. Lillian Gates, New York Communist Party legislative spokesman, last year before the Hughes committee helped stop the measure.

Sen. Hughes is a Syracuse corporation lawyer.

Labor is also suspicious of two other measures which have the support of Gov. Dewey. These are the Wadlin bills. One of these would authorize the Legislature to set up labor-management courts empowered to enforce decisions. The other creates a state commission on labor and industry to propose settlements in labor disputes.

## Tiber Rises

ROME, Feb. 27.—The Tiber River rose to a record height of 42.65 feet today and threatened sections of Rome for the first time in 15 years.

# Senator Demands '18' Draft To Replace Korea Casualties

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Senate today was urged to pass a bill drafting 18-year-olds to replace the 50,000 casualties in Korea, which were described as "the cream of the Army." This was the argument of Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), Truman Administration representative charged with the job of punishing the Pentagon's conscription and universal military training bill through the Senate. He was the leadoff speaker in the spiritless debate which opened today and which is expected to continue through next Tuesday.

Contending most of the time that no harm could come to the 18 year olds—at least until they reached their 19th birthdays—Johnson cited as his crucial argument: "of the 50,000 casualties suffered by the US forces in Korea, the great majority of them have been suffered by the Army. The ranks of trained, seasoned, experienced officers and men of the Army have been seriously depleted. The men we have been

losing were by and large the cream of the army."

But no one volunteers for the Army, he said, and its ranks must be replenished by drafting the youth as provided in this bill.

Late yesterday, Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told the House Armed Services Committee that 250,000 Americans were fighting in Korea and an additional 90,000 Americans in naval service were assigned to ships and bases in the Korea area. These figures do not include those in the U.S. Air Force serving in Korea, he said.

The bill now before the Senate is almost exactly what Defense Secretary George Marshall and other Administration leaders asked of Congress. Despite inspired reports that the preparedness sub-

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## UNITED FRUIT CO. PROFIT BIGGEST IN FIRM'S HISTORY

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—The United Fruit Co. last year earned the best profit in its history, \$66,159,375 or \$7.53 a share, compared with \$54,852,364 or \$6.25 in 1949, the company's 51st annual report disclosed today.

Consolidated operating profit, interest, dividends, and other income also established a new record at \$104,359,375, compared with \$83,894,268 in 1949.

## 300 in Boston Rally Back McGee Drive

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Three hundred Negro and white persons attended a "Free Willie McGee" rally in Boston Sunday afternoon in Butler Hall to hear Mrs. Rosalee McGee, wife of Willie McGee. The meeting was sponsored by the Equal Justice Committee of Massachusetts. Speakers included Mrs. Lillian Williams; Rev. Jones; Rev. Falcon, of the Merrimac Valley NAACP; Mrs. Anne Timpson, of the Communist Party; Arthur Jones, of the Young Progressives, and George Markham, of the Fur and Leather Workers Union. Mrs. L. Smith chaired the meeting.

Yates Holmes, Negro leader of the UE Allis Chalmers local, spoke of a recent visit with Paul

Robeson, and said, "After spending some time talking with Paul, I'm here to say that I am in the fight for the freedom of my people to the end, and I don't care who knows it!"

Mrs. B. Goodloe, of the New York State Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, accompanied Mrs. McGee and received an ovation when she declared, "We in New York have a slogan about the McGee case which I give to (Continued on Page 9)

## Congress Report Asks Higher Taxes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A Joint Congressional Committee today called for still more cuts in purchasing power through higher taxes. This was the answer of the Joint Committee on the President's Economic Report to zooming prices which, it warned, might jump as high as 500 percent.

The report of the committee, headed by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), took the approach that inflation was caused primarily by consumers, rather than by Big Business profiteering and the government's war policy.

The report, meanwhile, was being refuted by nationwide reports of continued falling off of consumer purchases, the latest being a drop in retail meat sales because prices are climbing out of reach of most working people.

Other facts, not mentioned by the Joint Committee, indicating a

sharp drop in living standards were:

- Cash-ins of Series E saving bonds. The excess of cash-ins over sales for the first two months of this year amounts to \$106,000,000.
- Reports from virtually all savings banks that withdrawals are heavier than deposits.

Wall Street's papers, meanwhile, have been telling their readers than the main impetus to the inflationary rise is the government's huge war spending program, now estimated at \$75 billion for the next fiscal year.

In usual red-baiting fashion, the Committee said "Communism" was (Continued on Page 9)

## Manhattan, Brooklyn Rallies Cheer Success of Sub Drive

A rally of 1,000 Manhattan Communists cheered Monday night at a platform announcement that the county's Worker circulation drive, and that campaigners in industrial groups had reached their goal of 2,500.

The rally, called to celebrate the 70th birthday of William Z. Foster, the Party's national chairman, heard national secretary Gus Hall describe Foster as "the greatest living American" who "symbolizes the only remaining reservoir of good will for the U.S. in the world today."

Manhattan's industrial goal of 2,500 was reached when workers in the distributive trades brought in some 230 subs during the past week for a total of 863 in the campaign. The goal of these workers was 850.

Workers associated with locals of the Fur Workers Council came

Some 450 Brooklyn Communist leaders met Monday night in Brooklyn to celebrate the Foster birthday, and the overfulfillment of their 5,500 subscription quota for The Worker. The meeting recorded 5,850 subs.

Howard Johnson, New York State educational director, made the keynote address on the Fight for Peace.

Charles Loman, organizational secretary of the Brooklyn Party, presented 30 autographed copies of the new Foster book to members from shop and community groups who led the drive.

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## POINT OF ORDER

"MONARCH OF THE SEA"

By Alan Max

Attlee has knuckled down and put the British fleet under the command of a U. S. admiral. Future performances of "Pinafore," with Attlee singing the main role, will probably sound something like this:

"I am Monarch of the Sea,  
The Ruler of the Queen's Navy.  
I don't take orders except, perchance,  
From my Wall Street cousin and his sisters  
and his aunts, etc., etc."



# Greetings to Foster from Abroad

## CHINA

On occasion of the 70th birthday of Comrade William Z. Foster, chairman of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. and the loyal and brilliant leader of the American working class, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China sends its warm greetings to Comrade Foster.

May the Communist Party of the U. S. A. headed by him succeed in the cause of uniting the people of America to oppose the vicious American aggressors and warmongers and to strive for Peace and a People's Democracy.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of China

Here are some of the greetings received from abroad by William Z. Foster, chairman of the Communist Party on his seventieth birthday yesterday. Additional greetings will be published tomorrow.

On the occasion of your 70th birthday, the Chinese working people sincerely wish you the best of health. We are confident that under your leadership and the U. S. Communist Party, the righteous cause of the American working class struggle against Wall Street's aggressive foreign policy and internal fascist rule shall win final victory.

All-China Federation of Labor.

## ISRAEL

We send you ardent greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your 70th

birthday. Communists and all Progressives of Israel as in the entire world see in you an outstanding leader of the working class, appreciating your great contribution to the struggle against the American warmongers for a free, peace-loving America. We wish you good health and a long life in service to the cause of Peace, Democracy and Socialism.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Israel.

## BULGARIA

Accept our fraternal greetings on the occasion of your glorious 70th birthday and our heartiest wishes to you—the remarkable son of the American working class, the tried veteran and leader of the fraternal Communist Party of the U. S. A., courageous fighter against national and racial oppression, against imperialism and imperialistic mongers of a new war—for a long life and good health so that you could fruitfully serve still many years the cause of Peace, Democracy and Socialism.

We heartily embrace you.

Central Committee  
Communist Party of Bulgaria  
V. CHERVENKOV

# A-Bomb Chief Urges Negotiation for Peace

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—Only negotiations for peace, rather than dependence on atomic weapons, can save the United States from "cataclysmic war," declares Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, director of the Los Alamos research laboratory, chief A-bomb center.

Addressing 2,000 persons at Pomona College's mid year commencement exercises, the noted scientist said:

"I see us following a road which leads to a precipice—a precipice typified by a war of continents—one continent against another—one enormous population using up itself and irreplaceable resources against another making identical sacrifices.

"What is there to win after such a war? How is the winner defined? Thus a fundamental question confronts us—is there any branch in the road before the precipice is reached?

"To seek for this branch and to follow it is the greatest task now confronting the world."

Dr. Bradbury warned that "we must not again virtually close our colleges and universities," which he termed one of "the foolish mistakes we made in the last war."

"During the past war," he pointed out, "when our own output of graduate students declined almost to zero, Russia's output of graduate students increased by a factor of nearly 10 percent."

And he emphasized again that "we must recognize that our atomic strength may become our weakness if it breeds complacency."

"At best, our atomic strength is only giving us time to think, time to plan, time to dedicate ourselves

to a goal of a world at peace," said Dr. Bradbury.

"The tragedy of the greatest democratic country the world has ever known drifting down a road to cataclysmic war can only be avoided if all of us take up the challenge to think.

"Where are we going and why? And what are we as citizens of this beloved country going to do about it?"

## 40 in Memphis Funeral Protest Killing of Negro

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 27.—More than 40 members of the North Memphis Civic Club assembled at a funeral home today to protest the shooting of Charles Staten, 27-year-old Negro, killed in a police raid over the week-end.

The Negro civic group charged the police with unprovoked violence. The victim's wife, who is expecting a baby, was in the group. Police were reported investigating the shooting but declined to make a statement.

J. A. Hayes, Negro high school principal, said a request will be made to have Negro police patrol the area where Staten was killed.

## Seek Mystery Witness in Trial Of Trenton Six

TRENTON, Feb. 27.—A mystery witness whose testimony was suppressed by the prosecution during the first trial of the Trenton Six was sought today by defense counsel in a pretrial hearing. The witness was reported to have passed the scene of the crime.

The six Negro men have been framed for the murder of William Horner, furniture dealer.

The witness' description of men leaving the store was the basis for a teletype alarm sent out by police, and is believed to contradict the alleged presence of the framed Negroes at the scene of the crime.

The defense demanded the woman's name and address from the prosecutor who impounded all police records relating to the case.

A handwriting expert said chemical tests applied to a payroll record marred the signature of Horace Wilson, one of the Trenton Six. The payroll records confirmed that Wilson was at work bagging potatoes the morning of the murder.

# BALTIMORE COPS TRY TO FRAME 7 NEGRO CHILDREN

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—Seven Negro boys, ages ranging from 10 to 13 years, were held and questioned by police for 48 hours, and forced to sign a confession to an assault they did not commit, it was revealed. The police case fell apart when, according to the Baltimore Evening Sun of Feb. 19, "The woman who was hit over the eye with a bottle, and spent several weeks in a hospital, took one look at the young defendants and declared that they were not her assailants. 'They were grown men, not school children,' she declared."

At the hearing it was brought out that the parents of some of the children had not been permitted to see them.

This new expose of police brutality has intensified the demand that police commissioner Ober be fired for his refusal to act on a whole series of cases presented by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. Recent grand jury investigations of police brutality ended in a whitewash.

The number of cases of police brutality against the Negro citizens of Baltimore have been on the increase since City and State officials have given their tacit approval by their failure to act.

On the same day that the attacks against the children were brought to light, another Negro, a young man of 21, was also freed before the same judge when it was proven that he had been forced to sign a "confession" to a robbery, when the robbery victim herself denied that things happened as related in the confession.

The Communist Party immediately renewed its demands to Gov. McKeldin for the immediate firing of Police Commissioner Ober, and further demanded that he set up a special grand jury to investigate all cases of police brutality against the Negro people of Baltimore.

# OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF DOUGLASS IN ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The 56th anniversary of the death of this city's adopted son, the great Negro leader, Frederick Douglass, was commemorated here this weekend. Auto-loads of delegates from leading western New York cities, Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghamton and Ithaca were well represented Saturday afternoon in the caravan that gathered around the towering statue of Douglass on Highland Park's snowy slope. A pledge was taken that there will be no more Martinsvilles and to petition President Truman to act for the freedom of Willie McGee.

Previously, at the Labor Lyceum, the wife of Georgia's lynch-mob victim, Mrs. Amy Mallard, called for the formation of community committees to crusade for full and equal rights for the Negro people and those so brutally persecuted today under the false guise of "legality." Other speakers included trade unionists, leaders of the Federation of Negro Women's Clubs and the Labor Youth League, and NAACP members. Laurel leaves, signifying peace, were chosen for the wreath left at the Douglass monument by the Negro History Week Committee sponsors.

The evening before at an American Labor Party peace rally in the Powers Hotel, special note was made of the need for unity between organized labor and the Negro people. Here the main speaker, Dr. Philip Morrison, professor of nuclear physics at Cornell University, stressed that the organized influence of peace-loving Americans can prevent the avalanche of ruin World War III would be sure to bring, with no country exempted from its disaster.

The death of Frederick Douglass, when he was almost 80, Feb. 20, 1895, occurred just five days

after the 75th birthday of another famous person, his close friend and the pioneer champion of women's suffrage, Susan B. Anthony, a life-long resident of Rochester. Douglass arrived in Rochester in 1869, shortly after achieving his individual freedom from slavery.

Living here almost 20 years, he carried on publication of the "North Star" to "hasten the day of freedom to our three million enslaved countrymen." At the same time, far speedier freedom was gained for many thousands as Rochester served as the last stop of the "underground railroad." It proved an ideal setup for getting the militant "passengers" across into Canada.

## Pittsburgh Store Workers Win Hike

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27.—Under a new three-year contract with the Kaufmann, Gimbels and Joseph Horne department stores, about 450 workers represented by AFL Building Service Employees Union, Local 29, received a 10-cent an hour raise, retroactive to Nov. 1. Welfare and life insurance provisions equivalent to an additional three-cents are included.

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# Rap Mrs. Roosevelt for Redbaiting Plea for Aid to Martinsville Martyrs

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Born, in a letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, accused Mrs. Roosevelt of protecting President Truman and his "deal with the Dixiecrats" in failing to bring to public attention the frame-up case of the Martinsville Seven. They charged that the President, the Democratic Party with its so-called liberal like Sen. Paul Douglas and Mrs. Roosevelt are "parties to the crime."

In their second letter, the Borns pointed out that Mrs. Roosevelt failed to make a single mention of the Martinsville Seven in her nationally-syndicated column, on her television program, or before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to which she belongs.

"One may assume," they wrote, "that you did know something of the case. But one wonders how much trouble you took to investigate it. The most cursory glance at the charges, the 'trials' and the legal trappings of the official lynch bee would have exposed the rottenness and vileness of the frame-up. It is hard to see how you could have learned the facts, and not done something more about it than write to the Attorney General."

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As to Mrs. Roosevelt's red-bait-

ing, the Borns added:

"That seems a curious thing for you to write. Why should you make this observation to strangers who asked your help? Did you reply in the same manner to all you wrote to? Was it your thought that you might frighten the people working for the freedom of the seven men? We don't know the political character if the organizations who protested. But one thing is certain: that had you so much as lifted your charming finger many, many more organizations of all kinds would have gone into action."

She did not raise her voice, they said, because "you knew that the President had made his deal with the Dixiecrats. You know that President Truman would not do anything to save these men. You chose not to embarrass him and his woeeful administration."



## Voice of Americans

### IOWA

V. A. BINGHAM, Britt, Ia: "The American public is being sold down the river by our military leaders. Now is the time to avert World War III. And it is high time for the public to get up in arms and prevent it." (Des Moines Register)

BYRON HOFFMAN, Des Moines: "Some of these crackpots wrangling over conference tables become 'our heroes' when they insist, demand and kick other nations around." (Tribune)

M. L. PARRIS, Des Moines: "The American people should realize that their real enemies are here in America. They are the men who, under the guise of national security, daily further deprive them of their liberties while imposing upon them an unbearable tax burden and their sons, brothers and husbands to fight and die on the battlefields in foreign lands." (Tribune)

### MASSACHUSETTS

GRACE BACARDO, MR. AND MRS. McNAB, MRS. DENNIS E. HODGES and MR. AND MRS. C. M. DICKEY: "The manner in which brutal war criminals have been released is a blasphemy on the souls of all our boys who died . . . in Germany. The latest and foulest of these cases is that of Alfred Krupp. Is that what we're getting ready to fight another war for? Is this the value the U. S. military puts on four years of our husbands' and sons' lives? Will thousands more American boys die during this war at the same hands?" (Boston Globe)

MRS. HELEN M. MILLER, Mattapoisett, Mass.: "Our natural resources are being depleted; our economy ruined . . . our people need houses, some of our children are starving. These things are neglected. The war budget and consequently taxes go up and other things down. . . . All this to fight Russia which, so far as I know, hasn't made any threat except that she would not tolerate the rearming of Germany. Can you blame her?" (New Bedford Standard-Times)

### OHIO

FAITHFUL READER, Cleveland: "I have been a News reader 30 years, but never have sent any letters to you. I may be wrong, but I think to save the country this is what ought to be done. . . . Bring all the boys home from Korea. Don't send our troops overseas." The letter also praised Herbert Hoover's proposal to build up a "great" air and sea defense at home. (News)

### PENNSYLVANIA

PIETRO R. ROTELLI, McKeesport, Pa.: "I am of the opinion that in arming Italy, America is practically throwing our money to the wind. It's a waste of money because the average Italian isn't going to fight for Uncle Sam, anymore than he fought for the Bum who stuck his chin up against the horizon."

"For some liberal or Socialist government, led by a man like Garibaldi was, they (Italians) would fight into the jaws of death, but for DeCasper, the UN Allies, the Pope, or for the landlords who own the soil they till, the chances are slight."

"Oh, some Anglo-Saxon will write in answering this letter, denouncing Communism, which I don't mention, and saying that the Italians should fight for their 'freedom.' But I know Italy, have studied Italy and its people."

"If the Italian government will cut up the huge estates and give the land to the peasants, if Australia would open up her thinly-populated country to Italian immigration, and if the Italian (a great family man) had some sort of assurance (he) would no longer suffer from want, then you would have real fighters. But to fight to retain what they have—when they have nothing—the same thing would happen that happened in World War II. They would break all marathon running records in their retreats, surrender our arms the first chance they get—and, as in both world wars, sing Socialist songs in the prisoner of war camps."

"Now I am not singing the praises of Socialism, at least not in this letter. I wish to say that I, too, during the Italian elections, sent letters to the boot, telling them to vote against Communism and put their faith in the UN. Do you know what I got for replies? Something that went like this: 'We don't tell you how to vote. Mind your own damn business.'"

"I predict that unless the Italian government uses the Marshall Plan millions wisely (not on fancy railroad stations in Rome) and establishes a bushel of reforms, you won't get Italians to fight Uncle Joe, for you can't take away from someone something that he doesn't have." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

## Steve Nelson Interviewed On Pittsburgh Frameup

If the steel interests succeed in railroading Steve Nelson, Andy Onda and James Dolsen to 20 years jail on phony "sedition" charges, no man owning a serious book or marching on a picket line will be safe from similar penalties, Nelson told this newspaper in an interview yesterday, on a visit to New York.

"What's actually behind this case?" Nelson said, "is the effort to throttle any opposition to war."

Nelson, Andy Onda and James Dolsen—the latter a Daily Worker writer—are on trial in Pittsburgh on a frameup "sedition" charge.

Judge Musmanno, the renegade liberal who pressed the charges, has introduced—as his evidence—some 93 books, all of which have been in general circulation. He has admitted he read only three of them.

When pressed by the defense why, if he regarded them as "sedition," he had waited until recently to prefer his charges, Musmanno cited the men's opposition to the Korean war as his reason.

But—according to the Gallup poll and many others—the overwhelming majority of the American people are opposed to that war and want our boys back.

The case has startling book-burning aspects. The mere possession of these books on the premises—for there was not even proof that they had been read by the defendants—makes a person liable to these enormous penalties, Nelson pointed out.

The prosecution has been reading—out of context, and in snatches—quotations from articles written by a wide variety of writers, including such historians as Dr. Herbert Aptheker, authority on Negro history.

But it's not only a matter of books, Nelson said. "Anybody who speaks with what they regard 'disrespect' for 'authority' can be tried for sedition."

He said a worker on a picketline would be charged—if the prosecution succeeds—with sedition if he should complain about a judge who hands down an injunction against the strike.

"This case is also an effort to prevent any worker from speaking their mind," he charged.

### DEATH BILL

Nelson told of the bill prepared by henchmen of Gen. Richard King Mellon, aluminum and coal magnate, which is being intro-

duced in the Pennsylvania legislature calling for the death penalty for what they would define as "sabotage" in industry.

"They can say any strike is sabotage," Nelson warned. Mellon has been named in charge of Civilian Defense in the Pittsburgh area. These interests want to see the defendants get 20 years prison.

Nelson—a hero of the war against France in Spain—was asked about the conduct of the case. "Well," he replied, "out of 1,500 objections raised by the defense, the judge rejected 99 percent of them."

He said that when the jury was being selected, the defense was prevented from asking the prospective jurors whether they had any opinions about the Communist Party.

This is the atmosphere in the trial in which three working-class leaders face 20 years imprisonment.

It is a trial which demands the attention of all in America who have any regard for civil rights, for democracy.

Involved in it is the fate of millions who want peace and the economic well-being of the working class.

## Czechoslovakia Jails Clementis Spy Ring

PRAGUE, Feb. 27.—Vladimir Clementis, who had been removed in March, 1950, as foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, has been arrested on charges of espionage and expelled from the Communist Party, it was announced today. The arrest followed a state-

Karol Smidke, former chairman of the Slovak Parliament, was expelled on grounds of "Titoism," and Arnost Psenicka, an alternate member of the central committee, was expelled as a "hostile, subversive element" who violated "party democracy and resorted to dictatorship."

The Party announced in its communique the unmasking of "the factional hostile activity of the bourgeois nationalist group in the Slovak Communist Party."

Released through the office of Minister of Information Vaclav Kopecky, the communique said the conspiracy was led by Sling, and was aimed at assassinating Premier Gottwald. The "eyes" of the group, the communique said, were Mme. Smerova and Clementis in Slovakia.

"Let us remember," Kopecky said in the communique published by Rude Pravo, "how the whole international network of Anglo-American espionage was unmasked in connection with the well-known Noel Field. . . ."

The communique said Clementis

had been unmasked as a long-term spy in the service of France. Clementis, it was declared, became a spy for the French secret police in 1939, and has confessed he carried out continuous subversive activity for the western powers.

Sling, it added, was recruited as a spy for the British while in England during the war.

"The conspiracy aimed to restore capitalism in Czechoslovakia in the same way as Yugoslavia was taken from the camp of peace, led by the Soviet Union, into the imperialist warmongers' camp," the communique said.

Five of Sling's accomplices in Moravia have been arrested, it said.

Sling was arrested last November.

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The communique, published in the Communist Party official newspaper Rude Pravo, charged that those arrested were "preparing a revolutionary coup to overthrow the government."

It said that Sling established an underground net over all of Moravia similar to organizations created by the traitors Laszlo Rajk in Hungary and Traicho Kostov in Bulgaria.

Sling acquired a plane which was to be used in case of danger to escape to the west, the communique said. It charged that Sling paid more than 20 visits a year to the British consulate in Brno and the British embassy in Prague.

"Sling confessed on the first interrogation," it was stated, "that he always hated the Soviet Union, the Communist Party, the Gottwald leadership . . . and put himself in the Anglo-American espionage service because he wanted to save capitalism."

Josef Frank, deputy secretary of the Czechoslovak CP, announced 169,544 members had been dropped during the year in a tightening up of the Party, and that the present membership totals 1,518,144.

## 'Afro-American' Condemns DuBois Indictment

"The shocking indictment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois for failing to register as a foreign agent," comments the Afro-American in its lead editorial, "shows to what alarming and absurd lengths hysteria-ridden Department of Justice officials will go."

The Afro challenges the government's contention that Dr. DuBois and the disbanded Peace Information Center he headed were agents of Russia.

"This we simply refuse to believe. Does the government seek to argue that Americans cannot desire peace; that the hatred of war and all its kindred evils are the exclusive privilege of aliens."

The Afro recalls Dr. DuBois' many years of fighting for Negro rights and declares this "cannot be regarded of itself as collusion with a foreign power."

"It is indeed a shameful period in American history when the government feels it necessary to imprison a patriotic and loyal citizen like Dr. DuBois simply because he boldly speaks out for world peace and human brotherhood."

### LAUDS DuBOIS

Carl Murphy, president of the chain of Afro-American newspapers declared in a personal statement, "No other person since Frederick Douglass has been more respected by white Americans, more

followed by colored Americans, nor has any other American leader left a larger imprint upon race relations in this generation. . . ."

Pittsburgh Courier columnist Marjorie McKenzie tells her readers, "we have to take a stand here and now with Dr. DuBois. We have to rally around him to save our own skins. We have to protect the safety valve of protest because it is the only thing that has enabled us to keep our sanity and preserve our hope. . . ."

Miss McKenzie charges that the government deliberately chose Dr. DuBois for persecution to stifle and intimidate Negroes and their leaders from speaking for peace and against the government's policies.

"It occurs as a time when no other American Negro of comparable stature has spoken so fearlessly and critically of U. S. policies."

Miss McKenzie warns that if Dr. DuBois is jailed and silenced "it means that Negro protest is to be supervised by the Un-American Activities Committee in the future."

"The challenge has been made in this case and it has to be met in these terms, else it will be dangerous for a Negro to belong to anything but a church."

"The next case would be the NAACP or your local citizens' committee that is fighting segregation in the schools and in the public



## Music In Moscow

By Joseph Clark  
Daily Worker Moscow Correspondent

MOSCOW.

IN ADDITION to regular concerts, symphonic, folk music, etc., you can always attend a cycle, of Bach music or of Beethoven sonatas, etc., here. The outstanding violinist David Oistrakh and the noted pianist Lev Oborin are giving a series of three Beethoven sonata recitals at the small hall of the Conservatory. What makes this a noteworthy item, for me, is not just the cycle, but what was being played at the Great Hall of the conservatory on the night (Jan. 20) when I attended the first of the sonata cycle in the small hall.

Here's the story. My diary tells me that on Oct. 7, at 7:45 p.m., Moscow time, I heard the Voice of America broadcast a program which said that you can't play Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture in the Soviet Union. With something resembling a cross between a chuckle and a snort the speaker said that if anyone dared to play that piece Tommy gunners would surround the auditorium.

So I looked around for the tummy gunners at the conservatory because the 1812 overture by Tchaikovsky was one of the pieces being played in the Grand Hall. Between the two halls I did spot a few Soviet army men along with workers, students, and other concertgoers. But no Tommy guns, and the only thing I could spot in the hands of one army officer was a music score with which he was following Beethoven!

IN ADDITION to the regular school system and to the millions who get training in factories and institutions, many millions of Soviet people study at Communist Party schools and circles. Not only Party members are involved. Last year, for example, more than 2,000,000 non-Party members and half a million Komsomol (youth league) members studied at Communist Party schools. Courses emphasize the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; there are many universities of Marxism-Leninism. Still, a magazine devoted to Party organization criticizes the educational work of the Party because 5.4 percent of the members of the Party were not studying last year. But that left 94.6 percent studying and the Communist Party here shapes up as a most potent educational force.

THE LENINGRAD INSTITUTE of Russian Literature has founded a new Pushkin section. It will, among other things, service theaters, film studios and museums with material and information about the life and work of the great poet.

AMONG THE new pictures is one made by the film studios of the Georgian Soviet Republic, a delightful movie called "Springtime in Sakene." A color documentary "Soviet Estonia" opened a run recently. Kio the magician is featured at the Moscow circus; he was in the Leningrad circus when I was there in October.

AN ARTICLE in the magazine "Foreign Trade" points out that the Soviet Union believes in trade with countries even though they are of different political and economic systems. The article by A. Frumkin says:

"In contradiction to the expansionist policy of the U.S.A., the Soviet Union, in accordance with its unalterable peace policy, consistently advocates the expansion of international economic cooperation, on the basis of the complete equality and respect of national sovereignty, and advocates the expansion of trade relations between all countries including also countries belonging to different social-economic systems."

Figures bear this out; while the U. S. exports practically nothing to the USSR, the latter ships not only fur and luxury goods but chrome and manganese which is used for armament in the U. S.

I SAW THE NEW dance program put on by the Moiseyev dance ensemble. In addition to the Russian folk dances, which are the heart of the group's work, they have Korean, Hungarian, Moldavian, Chinese, Tadjik dances. They gave a thrilling performance of the Chinese drum dance. But the hit of the evening in the beautiful Tchaikovsky Hall was the dance called "Partisans." You saw an illusion of mounted men that was most uncanny, and, of course, the spirit and life of the dancing can't be surpassed. What predominates in the Moiseyev type of dancing is a joy, vigor and enthusiasm that warms an audience on a 20 degree below zero evening.

THE ALL-UNION Geographic Society held its last meeting aboard the "Slava," flagship of the Soviet antarctic flotilla before it left on a recent whaling expedition. The flotilla will follow routes taken by old Russian navigators who pioneered in the antarctic, F.F. Bellingshausen, M.P. Lazarev.

## Letters from Readers

Capitalist Case History

WEBB CITY, Mo.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

There has been a great deal of publicity in the press and radio about William E. Cook, Jr., the "hitch-hiker" who is alleged to have murdered an Illinois family of five and dumped their bodies down a mine shaft here in Joplin.

Cook has been indicted for kidnapping and murder. But there is a bigger criminal responsible. That arch-criminal is the capitalist system with its extreme poverty.

Cook was born into family conditions of extreme poverty. His mother died when he was a baby. His father wasn't able to care for the four children. The feeble gestures of state child aid were little help, so Bill Cook practically raised himself from a baby, and at times the other children as well. At one time the children were found living together like animals in a cave, with nothing to eat but crude pancakes for many weeks.

Cook was sent to a reformatory at an early age. There his earlier training was advanced to the criminal stage. His hatred of society and his circumstances apparently could find no expression except in crime. Little wonder that he had tattooed on his fingers the words "Hard Luck."

We cannot in the slightest condone Cook's act. But at the same time we must see what caused them, what is responsible for them.

We can also see that capitalism is guilty not only of setting the stage and molding the characters for acts like Cook's. It is consciously committing greater crimes than Cook's individual ones. How else can we look on the mass murder of men, women, and children in Korea? How else can we think of their plans to make an atomic world war?

D.C.  
P.S. This is the collected thoughts and work of several of your readers here in the Joplin area.

A Letter in Denver Post

DENVER  
Editor, Daily Worker:

The following letter appeared in the letters column of the Denver Post. It was signed by Cpl. Russell Dillon, U. S. Army, in Korea.

A READER

"I'm writing you this letter because I would like people in the states to know what this war is about in the eyes of the 'doughboys' who are fighting and dying in it. I guess all people know already that a battle-front is rough. You sleep in dirty, cold foxholes.

But what's worse about this one is we don't really know what we are fighting for. We do know we are fighting against Communism. But we are involved in a civil war that doesn't even concern us. At first it was just the North Koreans; now the Chinese; next it will be Russia. We are losing good men, some of the best the world has or will ever know, all because we had to stick our big nose in where it did not belong.

When I say we I mean the big wheels who sit in Washington and New York and other places who are making money while good men better than themselves are dying in a rotten, stinking country that doesn't give a damn anyway. If it hadn't been for the South Koreans, I know a lot of guys who would have been alive today.

Here is one incident. We pushed off in the attack to take a hill, the GIs in front as usual. An R.O.K. soldier was in a rear element firing his rifle without looking or knowing where he was aiming and shot a buddy of mine in the back three times. The kid died on the way to the hospital. I keep asking myself, "is it worth it," and I keep getting the same answer, "No."

That doesn't even begin to tell the rotten story. But this is all the paper I've got.

Cpl. Russell Dillon,  
35th Infantry Regiment,  
U. S. Army

## Press Roundup

THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson writes: "Diplomats feel the Big Four foreign ministers meeting will be held in April in Washington. . . . NOTE: The U.S. wants the meeting in Washington for world prestige and domestic political reasons."

THE POST is disillusioned over Sen. Taft. The Post could accept the Taft-Hartley Act. After all, that only tried to smash unions. But when Taft "seems to accept the new Soviet line that the Russian army is an invention of imaginative capitalist journalists," it sorrowfully finds that the Senator has "destroyed the legend that his integrity is above suspicion." The Post means that Taft reluctantly admits that the Soviet Union threatens aggression against no one—and the Post will red-bait anyone who talks that way, even Mr. Republican.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN'S Pegler wonders how anyone can get excited over the basketball fix and ignore "our postwar persecution of the Germans."

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM'S Eleanor Roosevelt weeps crocodile tears about the plight of the Korean people, while continuing to insist that the war upon them be pressed. Soviet and Chinese "propa-

ganda" about Wall Street's "imperialist design" is "nonsense," she says. But she sighs that "Red propaganda carries weight as long as there are no signs of what we really intend to do." That's the first time we've heard a MacArthur bomb described as "Red propaganda."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S Walter Lippmann, being disinclined to discuss the devastating contents of the Soviet note to Britain, embarks on a little literary criticism, and unfavorably reviews its "style." He also suggests that it would be nice if the U.S. government came to a Big Four meeting with a "constructive" proposal, because "our whole preoccupation seems to be on the one hand to pile up armaments and on the other to dash all hopes of peace." Every time an apologist uses that word "seems," he seems to think Truman aggression disappears and all that remains is some unfortunate misconception in the rest of the world that we're building bombs because we want to drop them.

THE NEWS admits that the so-called Great Debate "has now worn down . . . to a point where the two principal factions differ chiefly on which branches of service should get the most emphasis. . . ."

## World of Labor

By George Morris

### Ford Local Results Refute the Warmongers

ELECTION RESULTS in the 65,000-strong Ford, Local 600, UAW, are interesting in a number of respects, but most significant because they provided a channel for sentiment for peace and against the red-baiting war hysteria.

Many union elections, even where progressives are in the race, are often too confused with other issues, or factional currents, to be an indicator of sentiment on the pro-war policy of the friends of President Truman in the labor movement. Even the Ford local election was not free of such confusing elements.

There is no doubt, however, that the strongest bent in the lineup of Local 600 voters came especially on the five progressives whom Carl Stellato, the Reutherite president, singled out for a "trial" on framed charges of "subservience" to Communist Party "dictation."

Stellato planned to make a great name for himself as a "Little McCarthy" in the labor movement and at the same time wipe out these five outstanding leaders of the progressive current in Local 600. The trial, which took many weeks and much of the local's money, received much prominence in the red-baiting press.

THE FIRST REFUTATION of Stellato came in the earlier elections for the Ford Council when a majority of those elected were on the anti-Stellato ticket, including the five.

Now comes the result on the elections of officers. Of the five, four were re-elected to their top building posts by an absolute majority. The fifth drew the top vote, but faces a runoff. The head of the ticket, Joe Hogan, drew over 9,000 votes, and will still be in the running in the runoff against Stellato, who drew 16,000—but not a majority. Tommy Thompson who once had the presidency in a progressive coalition, ran third with 7,784 votes. Had the Thompson forces agreed to a progressive united front, as the progressives proposed, Stellato would have been beaten.

Nevertheless, Pat Rice, on the Hogan ticket, won re-election as vice-president without need of a runoff. Others on that ticket for local-wide office still have a chance in the runoff. Perhaps most significant was the election and re-election of the leading Negro candidates on both slates, with Nelson Davis, one of the five, topping all candidates in the foundry building voting.

The important point is that the progressives put strong emphasis on their peace stand.

"We believe labor should work for peace and not be tied to a disastrous war program," declared the Hogan slate platform. "The living standards in England today have been dropped to where a worker now receives only nine cents worth of meat per week, because of a war program of full employment. This is the same type of war program of full employment that Stellato and Reuther are advocating for us."

Coming out forthright against intervention in Korea or the rest of the program, the Hogan group, pulling no punches, warned that "this same Reuther-Stellato team sinks to a new low—they advocate the placing of our local union on the side of Wall Street in the adventurous war program that fattens the purses of big business and places additional burdens on the backs of the workers."

NELSON DAVIS, in a poster-sized, big-typed leaflet said:

"The five-year contract secretly negotiated by Stellato and Reuther is part of an all-out war program. It is meant to silence us to accept the wage freeze, higher prices, higher taxes to finance the war nobody wants, a 45-hour week without overtime, a 'no-strike' pledge man-killing speed-up without regard for health and safety—while Henry Ford rakes in juicy profits."

The big lesson to see is that such an appeal did not repel BUT GAINED votes for the candidates who issued it. As a result, many thousands of Ford workers had an opportunity to show how they stand on the issue of peace or war. The results refute the contention of the rightwing leaders that they speak for their members in their deals with the war mobilizers.

In view of what Local 600 demonstrated, it is to be hoped that unionists everywhere will drop fears and not hesitate to be strongly represented in the peace caravan to Washington March 15. That peace caravan of thousands should demonstrate that the workers, especially the organized workers, are the strongest force for peace in America.

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## Bank Book Law

SHOUTING "LAW AND ORDER," the American Bar Association's special committee on "loyalty" demanded the expulsion of all "Communist lawyers" or lawyers "advocating Marxism-Leninism." Its House of Delegates has now approved this demand and passed it on to the lower bar groups.

The alibi is that "Congress has defined" Marxism-Leninism as "advocating a dictatorship in the United States ruling without law."

To spice up this cowardly dish, the Bar committee drags in the pure fake of the alleged "misconduct" of the lawyers defending the 11 leaders of the Communist Party at the Foley Square frameup. It is alleged that this "misconduct" brings the legal profession into "disrepute and derision."

The Bar committee must have an unusually low opinion of the intelligence of the American people to pull that stuff. For if anything is going to bring the legal profession into contempt and derision it is just this kind of cheap chicanery which mocks the very basis of any legality or legal rights whatsoever.

Not even Hitler's fascist Germany dared to go this far during the attempted frameup of the Communist George Dimitroff. The Nazis were forced to let Dimitroff's trial be viewed by a battery of international lawyers to see that his rights—even in a Nazi court—were protected. The bar committee's action is intended to pave the way for wholesale frameups in the courts, to terrorize not only lawyers, but juries as well.

THE BAR COMMITTEE'S DEFINITION of Communism is a clumsy copy of the illiterate forgeries invented by shady FBI stoolpigeons. The Bar committee has the gall to accept a Congressional czarist-style DECREE as to what the Marxian Socialist movement in America stands for as its "evidence." Where did Congress get this "evidence"? From the same lying stoolpigeons hired to frame the Communists at Foley Square.

The semi-literate hacks on the Bar committee have apparently forgotten, or never knew, the very fundamentals of law or its history. They never knew Abraham Lincoln's famous dictum that when the people are compelled to change their societies by amendments or revolutions, they make new laws fitting their new needs.

It is not the Bar committee's witchhunters who are protecting the legal protections imposed by the Jeffersonian and Lincoln revolutions in our U. S. Constitution. On the contrary, it is the Communists who are in the forefront of the fight to preserve the democratic legalities embodied in the Bill of Rights.

IT IS NOT THE Bar Association which demands the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution granting the Negro people full and equal rights. It is the Communists who are doing that.

In fact, the Bar Association daily shows its contempt for the rights of the people by its crude, ignorant jimcrow policy which bars Negro attorneys from its "white supremacy" rolls.

If the Bar's "loyalty" committee had any decency in it, it would be rousing the legal profession to the outrages now being committed by such of its members as Robert A. Patterson who has just been hired by the Nazi war criminals in the Ruhr to sabotage the U. S. Government's solemn agreement to break up their war-breeding cartels. Or it might turn its attention to the evil misuse of law by which Sen. McCarthy, the professional witchhunter, managed to save the Nazi butchers who murdered our unarmed GIs at Malmedy in World War II.

But the top dogs running the Bar Association are not men of devotion to justice or to the ideals of advocacy in defense of persecuted minorities. To these top cliques, the law is always a weapon for the enrichment of the few. Today, the Bar Association leaders are jumping wildly on the bandwagon of the profitable war orgy. Their definition of "loyalty" is loyalty to war and to profiteering. They are merely joining the Wall Street mob to which they look upward in servile adoration.

This obscene mob spirit which the Bar is trying to spread throughout the alleged system of justice is a sign of the fascist ambitions of the war-mongers. It is a warning that the noble defense of freedom and of peace will have to come from the people, the descendants of the generation of Paine, Franklin and Jefferson, and not from these mediocrities for whom the bank book is the main text of the legal studies.



## May Day in 1951

By Louis Weinstock

Ever since the 1885 Washington Convention of the American Federation of Labor, May Day has been celebrated as Labor's International Holiday. It was started in America by American workers to shorten the working day from 10 and 11 hours to 8 hours.

The present leaders of the American Federation of Labor would like to forget, that it was the American delegation that inspired the International Workingmen's Congress in Paris, France on the 100th anniversary of the fall of the Bastille in 1889, to declare May Day an International holiday. The delegates of that International Congress wanted to express their solidarity with the American workers, at the same time, they wanted to inspire the labor movement of Europe to follow the example of their American brothers in the struggle for shorter work-day and better living conditions.

Today in 1951, Labor is fighting mad and the American workers have many reasons to be angry. The government just broke the Railroad strike, demonstrating to the Railroad workers that the question is not whether they are under progressive leadership or conservative leadership. They are condemned by the government because they interfered with the war-profit of Wall Street. Millions of American workers have learned a lesson from the struggles of the coal miners and Railroad workers. Mr. Green and Mr. Murray don't seem to understand that it isn't enough for a few labor leaders to lick the boots of Wall Street. They cannot understand why they are not placed on important government positions though they are so eager to serve. Mr. Green, Murray, Dubinsky and the whole gang of labor lieutenants refuse to understand that big capital is willing to accept their services as long as they can serve, but to take them into partnership—that is a horse of a different color.

Yes, Labor is fighting mad. They were sold down the river. Mr. Truman's promises were only for election purposes. There is a wage freeze all right, but prices go up unlimited. The condition of the American workers has reached a new low. A depression of a new kind. Millions of employed help the corporations to double their profits. The coupon clippers are having a Roman holiday, but from the workmen's family-table—meats, eggs, butter and other necessities are slowly disappearing.

The war-mad rulers of our

country became the imitators of Hitler and Mussolini to enslave the world. To suppress every liberation movement of the oppressed colonial and semi-colonial peoples while they are introducing fascism at home.

THE FIRST VICTIMS are the 15 million Negro Americans. The Martinsville electric chair hardly cooled before they start preparing new lynchings—the Trenton Six, Willie McGee, Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and hundreds of nameless victims of American fascism who are brutally murdered on the streets of American cities, like Derrick and others. The oppression of the Negro people is only a part of the overall plan of the war-mad rulers of America.

The jailing of the 11 Communist leaders, the McCarran law, "loyalty" oaths, the indictment of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, deportation hysteria, the attack against the IWO, collectively and separately are a part of Wall Street's scheme to silence the American people in their desire for peace. The American people are against the war in Korea. The American people are for peace with the Soviet Union.

They want China to be recognized and seated in the United Nations. They want to live in peace with the eastern European Peoples Democracies. They are against rearming Nazi Germany and imperialist Japan. The 500 million peace signatures put the fear of life in the warmakers. They can't scare the people anymore with the Atom bomb or the H-bomb because the people are "fighting mad."

May First, 1951, should be

celebrated in the spirit and the moods of our people. The streets of New York should express their peace sentiments with the peace-loving people of the whole world.

IN 1889 the people of the world demonstrated in sympathy with the struggles of the American workers. This May Day we should demonstrate in sympathy with the millions of Russians, Chinese, Indians, French, English, Italian and German workers for peace, freedom and democracy.

Trade unions, mass organizations of all kinds should begin to make preparations for the biggest May Day demonstration ever held in the city of New York. The streets of New York must reflect the unity of Negro and white workers in the common struggle against the common enemy.

The Jewish people must remember that six million Jews were murdered by those who are being dined and wined by our State Department, AND military brass. The Slavic, Hungarian, Polish and Romanian Americans most remember that the oppressors of the peoples of Eastern Europe, the fascist bankers and former landlords, the counts and the princesses are plotting in Washington to overthrow the peoples democracies to take away the land from the millions of peasants and trying to return them to their former parasitic feudal lords.

We all have good reasons to demonstrate on May First. LET'S MAKE IT THE BIGGEST NEW YORK HAS EVER SEEN.

### 100 Volunteers Wanted for McGee Drive

Wanted: 100 men and women to help save the life of Willie McGee.

From now until March 20—the date set by Mississippi for the legal murder of Willie McGee—100 volunteer workers are urgently needed every day of the week, including Sunday, by the Civil Rights Congress.

A broad national and local campaign is under way now, today, to rally the people to the defense of McGee, latest innocent victim of white-supremacist terror. These campaigns can be won only with the help of the people.

Report as soon as possible either to: National CRC, 23 W. 26 St., basement, MU 4-6640; or New York CRC, same address, second floor, OR 9-1657.



# Pleven's Doubletalk on Juan Marinello: Fighter for Selling Out France People of Latin America

By Labor Research Assn.

A SPOKESMAN for Wall Street's "free" world trooped into Washington recently. Rene Pleven, Premier of France, was the latest West European bureaucrat making the pilgrimage to the dollar shrine.

Pleven is no stranger to Wall Street. In prewar days he was the Paris representative of Blair & Co., a leading American investment banking house.

Now, Pleven has the tough job of trying to tie the French economy into Washington's mad war drive. Pleven has to talk out of two sides of his mouth in attempting to reconcile the war demands of the Wall Street crowd with the peace sentiments of the French population. A Wall Street Journal correspondent recognized the uncomfortable dilemma of this bourgeois "statesman." The reporter wrote (Jan. 27, 1951):

"French Prime Minister Rene Pleven will fly from France tomorrow to promise President Truman secretly (our emphasis—LRA) that whatever the French say publicly—however they argue—France will go along with the U. S. . . . All through his talks, Mr. Pleven will point out to Mr. Truman that during the next few months he may have to say publicly a lot of things Americans may not like. He and other French officials will say those things because they've got to win an election . . ."

This demagoguery won't unsettle Truman, the Wall Street Journal says. "He'll expect President Truman to understand this need for politicking—since Mr. Truman is a politician himself."

JUST HOW enormous is the sellout that Pleven has concluded is listed by the Wall St. Journal account:

1. "France will have the army the U. S. wants ready for 1952 and it will be ready to fight."
2. "France will back the U. S. all the way in Korea against Red China."
3. "France will agree to an economic blockade against Red China."
4. "France will even accept rearmament of West Germany."
5. "France will tailor its Indo-China policy to what the U. S. thinks wise."

For this complete assurance of Wall Street's policy, Pleven

## Albany Report Vague on City Teachers' Pay

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—A committee headed by Lt. Gov. Frank C. Moore has agreed tentatively that teachers' minimum pay in upstate rural and small cities be raised by \$500. An unspecified increase for teachers in larger cities, including New York City, was also recommended.

Mrs. Rose Russell, Teachers Union legislative representative commented:

"It is clear that the Moore Committee report offers no solution to the teachers' salary crisis in New York City."

"The Teachers Union warns teachers to beware of being drawn into an either-or squabble, as if a satisfactory increase depends upon an acceptance of either the Meyer Committee report or the Moore Committee's recommendation."

"The New York City Board of Education can and must without further delay adopt a program of increases high enough to put an end to the long standing crisis, namely a scale of \$4,000 to \$7,800, and then go to the city and state authorities to demand sufficient funds."

merely asked that France receive a share in the world's raw materials, which the American monopoly corporations are rapidly gobbling up in their frantic stockpiling.

But even this demand was a demagogic plea, made only to satisfy French public opinion. According to the Herald Tribune's Monthly Economic Review (Jan. 8, 1951): "France is obliged to import her requirements of copper and tin to the extent of 100 per cent, zinc 99 per cent, lead 95 per cent, sulphur 90 per cent and pyrites 70 per cent." Also, "only about one-seventh of the raw materials imported by France are supplied by her overseas territories. For the other six-sevenths, France must have recourse to foreign countries, more specifically in dollar and sterling areas."

DESPITE PLEVEN'S public statement that he is seeking U. S. assistance to secure for France a larger share of the world's minerals, metals and fibers, the French government has placed French-controlled areas of potential raw material supplies completely at the disposal of giant American monopolies.

An ECA release (Jan. 26) noted that "Copper, lead and zinc for United States stockpiling may be obtained in French Equatorial Africa under a new exploration program financed with Marshall Plan aid. The Economic Corporation Administration said today it has advanced \$1,855,000 and the equivalent of \$2,385,000 in French counterpart francs to the Mid-African Exploration Co., a subsidiary of Newmont Mining Co. of New York City and to its associated French companies, Explorations Minières au Congo and Societe Miniere du Niari."

It is no coincidence that Newmont Mining Co., a Morgan firm, is the American corporation that receives this juicy concession. Newmont Mining includes on its board of directors James F. Byrnes, the racist Governor of South Carolina, and Lucius Clay, the War Mobilization boss.

The hell-bent-for-war crowd in the State Department can try to pass off Pleven as the representative of France just as they try to kid the world about the "Voice of America." The facts show that Pleven and his clique are incapable of action independent of Wall Street. The real voice of France has not yet said the final word.

By A. B. Magil

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27.—Juan Marinello is one of those warm, gracious human beings who is like an old friend five minutes after you've met him. This is not the professional warmth of the capitalist politician. It springs from the depths of an unusually rich personality. This is a man who loves people, who is just as much at ease among workers and peasants as he is among writers, artists, and diplomats.

Years ago Marinello's essays established him as one of the major literary figures of contemporary Latin America. Only the other day the Mexican Ministry of Public Education announced it was issuing a series of popular anthologies of leading Latin American writers, and among them was, of course, Marinello. But from a great career in the bourgeois world he long ago turned to an even greater one in the world of humanity.

Today, as chairman of the Popular Socialist (Communist) Party of Cuba he leads the fight to free his people from the oppressive rule of Wall Street and its quisling government of President Carlos Prío Socarras. And as a member of the World Peace Council elected at the recent Warsaw congress of delegates from 81 countries, he is a leader in the world fight to free mankind from the Washington-Wall Street threat to explode a new global catastrophe.

On a recent visit to Mexico—a country which is for him a second homeland, where he spent years of exile from Cuban terrorist regimes—Marinello talked of the Warsaw congress and of developments in Cuba.

"The Peace Congress," he said, "represented a great summing up and at the same time a strengthening of the fight for peace. The fundamental resolution of the congress, which was its message to the United Nations, is a political document of great wisdom, on which all delegates agreed, notwithstanding political differences among them. The message to the UN is a powerful instrument in the hands of the defenders of peace throughout the world. The criminal action of branding China an aggressor, which the majority of UN members took at the orders and under the threats of Washington, only enhances the importance of this document. I believe that the principal task of all peoples consists in militantly supporting this message."

Marinello sees in events in his own country fresh arguments for the program of the Peace Congress, which includes the outlawing of the atomic bomb, the progressive reduction of other armaments, and the prohibition of war propaganda.

"With the pretext that war is inevitable," Marinello said, "the



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Prio government has adopted a series of anti-democratic measures against the progressive movement and the working class. Today in Cuba imprisonment without cause, attacks on freedom of the press and freedom of assembly are the general rule. The Prio government has split the labor movement, creating a government-controlled labor federation led by the most corrupt elements. From the outset this federation has been taking its cue from Washington and its AFL and CIO agents.

"Part of the Cuban government's labor policy is the murder of the best leaders of the working class. This was the method used to eliminate Jesus Menendez, beloved Negro general secretary of the Sugar Workers Union, and Aracelio Iglesias, general secretary of the National Federation of Port Workers."

In the field of international policy the Prio government recently accepted without discussion orders from Washington regarding two matters: the price of the sugar crop and the conditions of work; and the US military commission, which has come to Cuba with the pretext of reorganizing the air force, but basically for the purpose of placing the Cuban army at the absolute disposition of the US General Staff."

Asked about the attitude of the Cuban people toward these policies, Marinello spoke warmly of "the firm combative attitude of the Cuban masses."

"Of great importance is the protest movement that has developed among the working and student youth against the government's announced intention to send 25,000 soldiers to Korea. So great has this movement been that the government hasn't yet dared recruit these soldiers."

"The Cuban people are unequivocally for peace. This was dem-

onstrated by the fact that, despite police persecution and the imprisonment of many citizens gathering signatures to the Stockholm appeal to outlaw the atomic bomb, Cuba collected 725,000 signatures, the largest number in relation to population of any country in the western hemisphere. This meant that about one in every three adults signed the Stockholm appeal."

The Cuban Communists have been a thorn in the side of the government and its Washington masters, Marinello pointed out. "In the election for the Chamber of Deputies last June," he said, "the entire repressive apparatus of the government was turned against us. The bourgeois opposition parties also did their best to appease the U. S. Embassy. Nevertheless, we elected nine deputies—the same number as before—but with an increased vote."

"Last summer the government suppressed our daily paper, Hoy, and began to persecute other progressive newspapers. Nevertheless, our party's influence, especially among the workers, has been growing, and the government's efforts to outlaw the party have thus far failed. In recent important strikes the workers have refused to follow the false government-imposed leaders and have recognized the correctness of the party's policy. The Confederation of Workers of Cuba (CTC), led by the outstanding Communist, Lazaro Pena, is the true expression of the labor movement, and continues to gather strength despite persecution."

"I am confident, too, that Cuba will play its part in the supreme task facing the world's peoples—the task of imposing peace. Our people will know how to punish those rulers who now deliver our country's wealth and freedom to foreign imperialists and instigators of war."

## Ohio Students Map Drive on McCarran

CLEVELAND, Feb. 27.—A two-week drive to secure 1,000 signatures urging repeal of the McCarran Internal Security law has been launched at Western Reserve University here. The drive was initiated by the Jefferson Forum.

The petition which will be sent to Sens. Taft and Bricker says the law contributes to national hysteria.

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## Holyoke Unionists, Force Council To Defeat Move to Ban Books

HOLYOKE, Mass., Feb. 27.—A united front of organized labor defeated attempts by union smashers here to put over an ordinance banning so-called "subversive" literature. Following testimony by Mrs. Anna B. Sullivan, regional director of the Textile Workers'

Union, CIO, and representatives of United Electrical Workers, Local 259, Worthington Pump (Ind), the ordinance committee of the Board of Aldermen tabled the ordinance for further study.

Alderman James T. Doherty, sponsor of the measure, was completely taken aback by the large number of labor speakers against the measure. Although Doherty is going to continue his campaign, reaction in the Holyoke shops has shown that even stronger opposition will be voiced if Doherty attempts to hold additional hearings. Mrs. Sullivan cited her experi-

ences in nearby Easthampton, where textile organizers were run out of town during their organizing drive, as reason for defeating the proposed bill. Wyatt Harper, head of the history department of Holyoke High School, opposed the measure. Also opposed was Alderman Martin D. Moynihan. Several officers and rank and file members of the Worthington UE Local spoke. One, Leslie J. Storey, a former alderman, flatly declared the measure to be unconstitutional.

Joseph Grinuk, member of the executive board of Fisk Local 11, United Rubber Workers, CIO, opposed the bill as interfering with union rights.

Lone supporter of the measure was Robert G. Davis, an employee of Worthington Pump, and known as an active IUE disrupter in the area. Already repudiated by the strong vote for the UE in the 1950 NLRB election, Davis and the IUE have become further isolated as a result of their advocacy of this measure. This became apparent when the Textile Workers strongly opposed any such curbs on civil liberties.

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## Draft

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committee of the Senate Armed Services Committee would make some changes, it came to the floor without any restrictions on the power of the Pentagon to conscript American youth from 18 through 25.

- It would raise and maintain an armed force of 3.5 million men.
- It would establish permanent universal military training.
- It would provide for drafting youth from 18 through 25 years of age.

- The draftee would be required to serve 26 months, after which he would be liable to call for active military service for six additional years.

Sen. Johnson opened the debate by complaining that the number of persons who live in countries under Communist leadership has increased from 193 million in 1945 to 795 million today. This, he sought to insinuate, constituted a threat to the American people.

Because of the widespread opposition among the people to drafting 18-year-olds, Johnson devoted most of his speech to a defense of this provision.

"It is neither novel nor unique for the 18-year-old to contribute a portion of his time to the defense of his country," said Johnson.

But he followed this with an argument which, perhaps unwittingly, revealed that "defense of his country" was not what the administration has in store for the 18-year-olds. On the contrary, the 18-year-old would be drafted for foreign service and imperialist adventures.

This admission came in the course of Johnson's contrived argument designed to prove that the 18-year-old will not engage in actual combat until he is 19.

A youth who registers at 18 will not be inducted for three months, he said. Under the law, he must be given four months of basic training and two months furlough. Then, said Johnson, it will take "two months" to ship him overseas.

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass), who spoke in favor of the bill spelled this out:

"Because of the long distances he must travel to points where he is needed, in Europe, in Japan, or in Korea, two months will be taken in travel to get him to his post..."

Johnson's committee made a minor concession to popular opposition to drafting the very young. The language of the bill, Johnson pointed out, requires that before the 18-year group is drafted, the government must conscript those in the 19-25 group previously rejected but still available. This includes "available 1A's, useful 4F's and childless husbands."

Johnson quoted Pentagon spokesmen as authorities for the estimate that 1.4 million of the 1.6 million needed immediately could be secured from these sources and that only 200,000 18-year-olds would be called up during the next 16 months. But Johnson refused to commit himself as to the reliability of this estimate, and admitted the Pentagon is not in any way bound by it.

In drafting 18-year-olds, he said, the draft boards will first call up those over 18 years and nine months, then those over 18 years and six months and down through the quarters. He cited the guess of Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, that no 18-year-olds will be called before July 1 and only youths over 18½ between July 1951 and July, 1952.

Sen. Robert Taft (R-O) participated briefly in today's discussion and asked three or four questions. They indicated the extent of his "opposition" to drafting 18-year-olds. He would, he suggested, place the limit at 18½ years.

No other senator expressed even this much opposition. Most of them who spoke at all seemed intent only on finding some brand of sugarcoating which might make this bitter pill a little more palatable to mothers and fathers back home.

Only a few spectators watched the

the debate from the galleries. Some of them however were GIs.

The tactic of the Administration is to pose the drafting of 18-year-olds versus the drafting of veterans.

No one even suggested that there exists another alternative—of drafting no one and withdrawing American troops from Korea and Europe.

## Manhattan

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Chelsea, East Midtown, Lower East Side and Inwood areas. Close behind was the Tompkins Square community.

In the industrial groups, first place was given to the distributive workers, and second place to the Fur Council.

### WORLD'S GREETINGS

In his speech, Hall noted that Foster had received birthday greetings from the representatives of more than half of mankind, including those of the Soviet people, the Chinese people, the eastern European Democracies and people's movements in most of the lands of the world.

What other American could have received such greetings from spokesmen for the mass of the world's population, he asked.

He declared it is a "good feeling" to know that the peoples of the world have not given up on those representatives of the American people who are struggling for peace; that those who see daily the effects of American imperialist policy in their starvation and misery recognize that in America there is a force that fights for peace.

### WORLD WANTS PEACE

Hall recounted several incidents to show how feeling against America is rising throughout the world as a result of the aggressive war policies of the government, and declared that many wires of greetings received by Foster were recognition that he represented the America which wanted peace.

He detailed Foster's contributions to the American labor movement, and noted that the greatest was his molding of a "party of a new type, of a Marxist-Leninist type." Foster's work here, he said, and particularly his struggle against the revisionism of Earl Browder, was a far greater contribution to peace than most people realized.

Hall revealed that galley proofs of Browder's book, Teheran, which contained his revision of Marxism in its sharpest form, had been rushed down to Washington to be looked over by high government officials, who suggested changes, before the National Committee of the Communist Party had seen these proofs. Browder, who at that time headed the Party, made the revisions suggested in Washington. The book was then spread throughout the world and succeeded in weakening the fibre of many anti-imperialists, Hall declared.

## Taxes

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seeking to "debauch" the nation's currency.

"All the destructive elements," the report declared, "which history and economic analysis show to be necessary to disintegration of the currency and destructive runaway inflation are as prevalent in the United States as in almost any country in which hyper-inflation has ever occurred."

The Committee did not note, however, that almost all such cases were due to war-induced situations under which essential goods are siphoned away from civilian production for war needs, and where the government helps boost prices with its huge non-productive arms spending.

Nor did it note that this is exactly the course being followed by

## Fund Drive

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ing task of the present crucial moment—to help organize a powerful front for peace and democracy of the workers, the Negro people, the farming masses, the women and the youth.

This money is needed to expand the activities of the Communist Party in the South, and to strengthen working class solidarity with the Negro people's liberation struggle against Bourbon-Wall Street and oppression.

This money is needed to expose the true meaning of President Truman's "national emergency" decree, and to help unfold a rising movement of struggle against the new burdens placed upon the working people by the rocketing cost of living, the higher taxes, and other brutal affects of the growing war economy.

But more than that. This money is urgently needed to organize a movement of opposition to the lawless repression McCarran Act which seeks to outlaw the Communist Party, and to silence all advocates of peace, civil rights and economic security. The illegal hearings ordered by the Subversive Activities Control Board under this vicious legislation are scheduled only a few weeks ahead. A mass campaign therefore, to challenge the McCarran Act must be speedily developed and financed. In addition the legal and other expenses of the hearings must be met.

At this very moment, in Pittsburgh, three leaders of the Communist Party—Steve Nelson, Andy Onda and James Olsen—are on trial on the frame-up charge of having violated an "anti-secession statute" on the books of Pennsylvania since 1919. In a number of states, new so-called "anti-subversive" laws, laws directed against the working people and the Communist Party, are again being pressed for passage. Funds are needed to expand the activities everywhere to defeat the frame-ups and the un-American laws which threaten not only the rights of the Communists, but the rights of all Americans.

The National Committee of the Communist Party calls upon all Communists, and all friends of the Communist Party to respond to this appeal for \$175,000. This is your fight. Send your own contribution—and collect donations from your shopmates and neighbors.

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## McGee

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you in Boston. 'It shall not happen again.'

Telegrams were sent to President Truman and Gov. Fielding Wright of Mississippi demanding freedom for McGee.

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A telegram was also sent to Gov. Dever of Massachusetts asking him to take a stand.

## Brooklyn

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A.D. with 136 percent of quota; Kings Highway, which was the first section throughout the country to reach its quota, and finally finished at the 125 percent point; the 12th A.D. with 116 percent; the 24th A.D. with 114 percent; Bath Beach with 106 percent; Brighton Beach with 103 percent; Bedford-Stuyvesant with 101 percent; Brownsville with 101 percent; Williamsburgh with 101 percent and Rugby with 100 percent.



## ALP Hits Move To Adjourn Legislature

The American Labor Party charged yesterday that 'Republican legislative leaders, in consultation with Governor Dewey, have decided to rush adjournment of the state legislature by March 15 in order to jam through the Dewey 'dictatorship' civil defense bill, the 3 percent sales tax for New York City, a bill setting up a state-wide political witchhunt, and without holding any public hearings."

A further purpose in early adjournment of the state legislature, the ALP declared, is "to shut off rent increase plan to prevent public protest against the McGold-a vote on the bill to repeal the McGolrick plan, introduced by State Senator William J. Bianchi (Rep.-ALP)."

## Dr. Chang Po-ling, Educator, Dies at 76

HONK KONG, Feb. 27.—The Peking radio today reported the death of Dr. Chang Po-ling, 76, a prominent educator whose pupils included Premier Chou En-lai.

Chang was president of Tientsin's Nankai University.

## 8,000 London Dockers Strike To Hit Trial

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Thousands of London dock workers quit work today in a one-day token strike against the court appearance of seven labor leaders charged with conspiring to incite illegal walkouts. More than 8,000 dockers took part in today's walkout.

The seven leaders made their third appearance in Bow Street Magistrate's Court for preliminary hearings on the charges. Extra police guards were posted around the entrance to the building.

Some 300 striking dockers gathered at the court entrance and there was a struggle when police ordered them to roll up two banners demanding the release of the men. The crowd pressed around the officers.

The strikers were in court all day and will appear again tomorrow.

The dockers have threatened to strike every time the seven leaders are taken into court.

## Dorothy Jenkins Dies

Dorothy Jenkins, section organizer of the Communist Party in the 7th A.D. East, Manhattan, died at 3 p.m. yesterday in Manhattan General Hospital. She had been a staff member of the Harlem edition of The Worker and an active member of the Communist Party for 12 years. She is survived by her father and uncle. She was 31. Funeral arrangements will be announced today (Wednesday).

The New York State Committee of the C.P. yesterday expressed "deepest sorrow at the loss of one of our ablest and most devoted Negro women comrades."

"Her absence," the committee said, "will be felt in the struggle for peace and for first class citizenship for the Negro people, to which she was so faithful."

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# Reminiscences of Bill Foster

## Pioneer in the Negro Struggles

By James W. Ford

William Z. Foster's activities, as I first knew them, were centered in Chicago, America's largest industrial center and concentration of Negro proletariat. The 1919 steel strike and organization of packinghouse workers brought Foster into direct contact with the problems of Negro workers. He headed the Trade Union Educational League and the Trade Union Unity League in the '20s and '30s, through which he conducted the historic campaign to organize the unorganized, laid the foundation of the CIO and brought about a radical change in the AFL.

This also bridged the gap of isolation of Negroes from the labor movement and saw millions of Negro proletariat enrolled in the workers' and socialist movement. Racial bars in unions were broken down. Negro workers broke through to skilled jobs and many came to occupy leading posts in unions. Foster's role in this historic advance is best expressed by Negroes themselves.

Charles S. Johnson, sociologist, investigating the "Negro in Industry" in Chicago in 1922, admitted: "The difficulties inherent in organizing Negroes was best expressed by W. Z. Foster, who took a leading part in organizing Negroes in the stockyards, the most important industry so far as Negroes are concerned."

I have become acquainted with many leading Negro figures in Brooklyn who knew of the early

We present, on the occasion of William Z. Foster's 70th birthday, reminiscences by those who worked with him.

work of Foster, and in their reminiscences with me about him, they recall their knowledge of his work and pay high tribute to him. Among them are two I must mention: a former wobbly and COP leader, and Owen Christopher, whose personal appreciation of Bill Foster appears elsewhere in this paper.

I myself first met Foster when I joined the Communist Party in 1926. I had already been a trade union activist for seven years and a member of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and I knew of his reputation as an outstanding trade union figure. But not until I knew him as a Communist leader did I understand the real meaning of his fight to purify labor's ranks of opportunism and white chauvinism. I was later associated with him in the TUEL and the TUUL and, under his guidance, was instrumental in 1930 in convening the First International Trade Union Conference of Negro Workers, which itself was instrumental in bringing Negro workers of Africa, the West Indies and the USA into the stream of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

### 1932 ELECTION RACE

In 1932, the Communist Party nominated William Z. Foster for President of the USA. I never dreamed, in 1926 when I joined the Party, that with only 13 years' labor experience, that I would be the Party's nominee for Vice President. Foster's ringing call for

Negro-white unity and for independent political action of labor and the Negro people marked an historic turning point in the political life of the Negro people. It was the first major breakaway of Negroes from the jimcrow two-party system of capitalism. What Foster called "The whole system of national oppression enforced by violence and terror."

His leadership of the Communist Party is marked by an excellent command of the Marxian method. He is deeply serious and is not abusive of comrades, and never becomes ruffled. I have always been impressed by his honest and sincere character.

One outstanding personal characteristic of Foster, which I am sure everyone who has had personal contact with him will attest to, is his respect and consideration for his comrades, and if he has disagreements with comrades, he uses theoretical methods of persuasion and never bureaucratic methods.

He has made an indelible imprint on the American labor movement. Negroes know it and will always profit from it.

## Packinghouse Strike Memories

By Owen Christopher

In evaluating William Z. Foster, two factors are of prime importance. Foster came from a working class background and has never failed to identify himself with that background; then he received his early political development during one of the most hectic and formative periods in the history of American labor. I refer to that period prior to the birth of the C.P.U.S.A. and to the entrance of the United States into the First World War.

Trade unions were in what might be termed the grammar school stage of their development. The workers were militant but without the political understanding they now possess. Men worked 12, 14, and oftentimes 16 hours per day, six days a week with no sick leave or vacations save at their own expense.

### ERA OF THUGS

When they demanded an improvement in their working conditions their demands were usually met by armed company thugs called guards, company-controlled city police, and the State Militia. Harried and frustrated by the miserable conditions under which they lived, loss of jobs, hunger and debts at home, the workers often permitted themselves to be goaded by company stooges and provocateurs into overt acts and ill-planned strikes which gave corrupt courts an opportunity to slap injunctions upon them.

These were some of the conditions that met the men and women, who without hesitation faced physical violence, imprisonment and sometimes death, to organize and educate the workers in those

days—men and women like William Z. Foster, Elizabeth Curley Flynn, Big Bill Haywood, Tom Mooney, Vincent St. John, Joe Hill and Sacco and Vanzetti. These and many others whose names and deeds will never be forgotten by the workers of the world.

### PACKING HOUSE STRIKE

An example of the type of problem that faced William Foster and others is that of the packing plant workers. The union, to which the packing plant workers belonged did not admit Negro membership. Taking advantage of this organizational shortsightedness, the packers, when a strike occurred sent their agents into the South to recruit Negroes.

Dazzled by the prospect of getting from under the heel of their white oppressors and the promise of what was to them high wages, these Negroes were herded into special trains under guard and brought to Chicago. They were not permitted to leave the train until it pulled into the gates of the packinghouse grounds.

There they were taken to a large building in which cots had been placed and a kitchen and tables set up. Here they stayed and were not allowed to leave the property, "for their own protection," they were told.

### FORCES DIVIDED

Their pay was lower than that of the white workers they replaced, but fabulous compared to what they were accustomed to in the South. They were green at the work, and the output at the plant dropped almost to zero. The owners didn't care, however. Their main concern was to break the strike, and break it they did in almost every case. The white strikers often returned to work at reduced wages, and their leaders were fired and blacklisted.

A great part of the white work-

ers were Polish men who had come to this country as a land of opportunity. Most of them had little or no education, and no understanding of the economic forces at work against them. They only knew that here were some black men who threatened their dream of a good life and they suspected and hated these black men. Company provocateurs continually strengthened this hostility.

After the strike was broken the Negroes were turned out by the packers to shift for themselves in a strange, big city, fraught with dangers and hostility on every hand.

The little the company paid them was soon spent. They were out of work and homeless. Some of them would attempt to get back their jobs at the packing plant, but at the sight of the Negroes the white workers attacked them and drove them away. They in turn learned to hate the Polish workers.

Today Negro and white packinghouse workers work side by side. They belong to the same union, mix and drink together socially. Times must be when the packinghouse bosses of Chicago sigh for the "Good Old Days" of divide and rule. But the workers won't have it, they now know that in union there is strength.

It must give William Foster a great deal of genuine pleasure at the thought that he played such a big and important role in bringing about this solidarity among the Negro and white packinghouse workers.

Cast against the backdrop of those far-off, turbulent days in the class struggle, and Foster's participation in them, it is not so difficult to see why the various phases of the present struggles do not bewilder him. The days of the Palmer raids, the injunction, the Pinkertons and company goons, were the economic crucible that fused and fashioned the metal of Foster's character.

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WQXR—News; Concert	
WNBC—Break the Bank	
WNYC—For the Ladies	
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test	
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch	
WJZ—Quick as a Flash	
WOR—Queen for a Day	
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WNBC—Dave Garroway	
WQXR—Luncheon Concert	
AFTERNOON	
12:00-WNBC—News; Sketch's Scrapbook	6:00-WOR—Lyle Van
WOR—Kate Smith Speaks	WCBS—Allan Jackson
WJZ—Johnny Olsen Show	WNBC—Kenneth Banghart
WQXR—News, Luncheon Concert	WJZ—Sports
WNYC—Midday Symphony	WQXR—Music to Remember
WCBS—Wendy Warren	6:15-WCBS—You and the World
12:15-WCBS—Aunt Jenny	WOR—On the Century
WOR—Kate Smith Sings	WNBC—Answer Man
WJZ—Sweeney and March	WJZ—Dorian St. George
12:25-WJZ—News	6:30-WOR—News
12:30-WCBS—Helen Trent	WJZ—Norman Brokenhire
WOR—News; Luncheon at Sardi's	WCBS—Curt Massey Show
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WCBS—Big Sister	WJZ—Edwin C. Hill
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1:15-WNBC—Pickens Party	WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists
WCBS—Ma Perkins Sketch	7:05-WJZ—Headline Edition
1:30-WCBS—Young Dr. Malone Sketch	7:15-WJZ—News
WNBC—Hollywood Theatre	WCBS—Jack Smith, Dinah Shore
WOR—Answer Man	7:30-WNBC—News of the World
1:45-WCBS—The Guiding Light—Sketch	WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WNBC—We Love and Learn	WCBS—Variety Show
2:00-WNBC—Double or Nothing	WJZ—Lone Ranger
WOR—Gloria Swanson Show	WQXR—Jacques Fray
WJZ—Ika Chase Show	WOR—Kirkwood-Goodman Show
WCBS—News; Footlight Favorites	WNBC—One Man's Family
WNYC—Animals on Parade	WCBS—News
2:15-WCBS—Perry Mason	8:00-WOR—Hidden Truth
2:30-WNBC—Live Like a Millionaire	WCBS—Mr. Chameleon
WCBS—Nora Drake Sketch	WJZ—American Agent
WOR—Rudy Vallee Show	WNBC—Halls of Ivy
WJZ—News	WQXR—News, Sir Thomas Bucham
WQXR—Alma Dettinger	8:30-WNBC—Great Gildersleeve
2:45-WCBS—The Brighter Side	WJZ—The Fat Man
WJZ—Frances Scully	WNYC—Human Adventure
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful	WCBS—Dr. Christian
WJZ—Welcome to Hollywood	WQXR—News, Symphony Hall
WOR—Buddy Rogers Show	9:00-WNBC—Groucho Marx
WCBS—Hilltop House	WJZ—Rogue's Gallery
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3:15-WNBC—Road of Life	WOR—2,000 Plus
WCBS—Winner Take All	9:30-WNBC—Mr. District Attorney
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young Sketch	WCBS—Sing Crosby
WJZ—Hannibal Cobb	WJZ—Mr. President, Drama
WCBS—House Party	WOR—Family Theatre
WJZ—Happy Felton	9:45-WQXR—Great Names
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness	10:00-WNBC—Big Story Sketch
	WOR—Frank Edwards
	WJZ—Lawrence Welk
	WCBS—Boxing
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## Congressman Asks, Why the Hysteria?

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—Rep. Lawrence H. Smith, Racine Republican, told the Beloit Junior Chamber of Commerce that military experts have given Congress "ample proof" that the Soviet Union is not preparing for war, the Milwaukee Journal reports.

Rep. Smith said he could "see no reason to stir up hysteria." He urged strengthened home defenses.



# HOLLYWOOD

By DAVID PLATT

## James Edwards, Star of 'Home of Brave' Replaces Frank Silvera in 'Nat Turner'

JAMES EDWARDS, brilliant young star of Home of the Brave, yesterday replaced Frank Silvera in the title role of the Nat Turner play, now in its fourth month at People's Drama Playhouse, 212 Eldridge St.

Edwards will do the role for three weeks while his friend Silvera, who created the part of the great Negro slave leader, goes to the west coast to make a movie under Stanley Kubrick, independent producer. After completing his role in the film, Silvera will return to the play around the middle of March.

For Edwards, the leading role in the Paul Peters play is probably his most important role on stage or screen. He previously toured the country with the national road show of Deep Are The Roots. After replacing Silvera for three weeks in Nat Turner, he too will go to Hollywood to make a movie.

C. A. LeJEUNE, film critic of the British Sunday Observer, once wrote a book called Chestnuts In Her Lap published by Phoenix House, London. In it he rapped the Hollywood war film stereotypes sharply on the knuckles, called them "the horrors of war." He listed some of these stale, flat and unprofitable plots which have served the imperialist movie for almost two generations. These cliché war stories are still being turned out by the score in Hollywood today in an attempt to build up enthusiasm for war against Russia. For instance—how many times have you seen these movie Tales From the Land of the Big Profiteers:

Story of the soldier, sailor, or airman who dies for his buddy.

Story of the collaborationist playgirl in mink who gets democracy.

Story about the honest chorus girl who rejects her millionaire suitors for a simple sailor, only to find that he is the richest of them all, having joined the Navy to avoid publicity.

Story about the society woman who puts on knife-creased overalls, a chic bandeau, and a delicate smudge of oil, and goes into an aircraft factory for a little light war-work.

The story, so popular with the British exiles, about the experiences of an American soldier in the London air raids.

The film in which Errol Flynn pops up into Occupied Europe to teach the beauties of fortitude to Czech, Polish, French, Norwegian or Belgian patriots.

The one about the beautiful spy in Lisbon, who is an anti-Nazi pretending to be a Nazi pretending to be an anti-Nazi. Today the beautiful spy is an anti-Communist pretending to be a Communist pretending to be an anti-Communist.

The semi-documentary about (a) a bomber, (b), an aircraft carrier, (c) a submarine, that keeps on going somewhere for two hours and eventually gets there.

The one about the war correspondent relaxing at the Waldorf, who cannot tap out so much as 'quertyuiop' on his typewriter, but keeps the capitals of the world trembling with his powerful articles.

The story about the Camp or Canteen show in which five great bands and 59 stars demonstrate the principles of democracy to dazzled GIs.

The film that ends with dewy eyes, celestial choir, the Vicar in full canonicals and a squadron of bombers flying into the sunlight.

THE WOMEN'S DIVISION of the Arts, Sciences and Professions is sponsoring and producing a new 'Living Newspaper' type revue titled 'Singing of Women' for a limited run at the Cherry Lane Theatre starting March 15. The revue, done in Living Newspaper technique, points up the heroic and important part American women 'right out of the kitchen' have played in the history of our country since the days of early pioneer settlers; depicts the treatment of women who dared to demand equality for their sex beginning with the founding of the Rhode Island Colony. Leading actors of stage and radio will participate in the production. Tickets at \$1.20 can be secured from the ASP, 49 W. 44th St., N.Y.C.

## POLICE ACTION AGAINST ITALIAN ART EXHIBIT

ROME.—For the second time in a month Italian police has covered itself with ridicule. On Monday huge police forces surrounded Rome's House of Culture in order to prevent the opening of an art exhibition Art Against Barbarism. The exhibition consists of painting and sculpture of 50 of Italy's contemporary artists inspired by peace and protesting against war.

The exhibition was originally scheduled to open on Jan. 18 at Teatre Delle Arti but the police shut down the place because the show was considered offensive to General Eisenhower who arrived that day.

The police have ordered all



JAMES EDWARDS

## Mass Picket Lines Turn Many Away From 'Blackface' Minstrel Show

OAKLAND, Calif.—Mass picket lines of Negro and white citizens turned hundreds of spectators away from a "blackface" minstrel show put on the other night at Oakland High School by the local Elks lodge.

Despite generous promotion by the Oakland Tribune, the school auditorium was only a third full on Friday, the opening night, and fewer attended Saturday night—with many from the first night's slim crowd in attendance again.

More than 150 pickets marched before the three entrances to the school auditorium, carrying banners and singing songs. The picket lines, in contrast with the audience, grew from Friday to Saturday night. And the pickets were mostly white.

THE OAKLAND police department sent 50 patrolmen, but they had nothing to do. Two Negro members of the department were

pulled off their regular duties as a gesture of "impartiality."

"I can't say anything about that, of course," said one of the Negro policemen when he was asked to comment on the picket line.

The show itself yielded to the impact of the picket line. Superior Judge S. Victor Wagler had a song to sing in which the word "coon" appeared several times in the Friday night show. When Judge Wagler sang it again Saturday night, the offensive word had been deleted.

Placards carried by the pickets read, "Our schools are for education, not bigotry," "Stop racist humor," "No KKK 'blackface' insults in Oakland" and "We want FEPC, not Hitler humor."

LEAFLETS passed out on the lines warned such shows lead to violence and perpetuate "300 years of oppression of the Negro people in this country."

The few that went into the show learned from the leaflets that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Jewish Public Relations Council, Bishop Donald H. Tippet of the Methodist Church, ministers, university professors, educators and teachers had condemned it.

Caping sections of empty seats in the large auditorium testified to the success of the demonstration outside and dampened the enthusiasm of those present. The applause was tepid although much of the audience was made up of friends and relatives of the "actors."

Most eloquent commentary on the whole business was the absence of a single Negro person in the audience. And that was not because of any lack of effort on the part of the sponsors of the travesty on a people. Complimentary tickets had been generously distributed in the Negro community. There were no takers.

## New Ballets: La Valse and Illuminations at City Center

By Bob Melvin

WITHIN the past week, the N.Y. City Ballet has performed a good part of its repertoire, including two premieres. The first of these, The Card Game, a ballet in three acts by Igor Stravinsky, choreographed by George Balanchine. The costumes were clever and the rest representing a card table was very effective. The music which was written in 1937 has a certain dry humor which suits the choreography, but is by no means a great score. The ballet itself is pleasant but not very important. The dancers are poker cards and dance out the deals. The first deal is amusing, the second deal is less amusing, and by the third deal the joke has worn very thin. The dancers all did very well by their parts, but it's hardly one of Balanchine's best.

THE OTHER new ballet was La Valse, music by Ravel, and choreography again by Balanchine. Here too Mr. Balanchine created the attractive, sophisticated dance patterns that are typical of his style, and the ballet had a certain elegance that was striking visually. However, he rarely, especially in the second half of the ballet, used the music to its best advantage. The music grows to a feverish intensity which the ballet never achieves. And the Dark Prince who appears at the ball toward the end is just silly rather than sinister. The dancing in this ballet seemed

uneven, partly because it's a new ballet, and partly because the stage of the City Center is not equipped to hold a company. The costumes were lovely.

ALSO IN THE repertoire is Illuminations, choreography by Frederick Ashton. This depressing ballet was suggested by the French poet Rimbaud's life and works. The dancing was good, especially Melissa Hayden as Profane Is Love (note the name of the character). But the ballet itself—the subject matter and choreography were decadent. Rimbaud's rebellion against Victorianism took the form of erotic symbolism. It was not progressive in his day. Today such symbolism with nightmarish qualities is part of the corrupt bourgeois culture that greets Kafka, Sartre and their colleagues of the graveyard as great philosophers and writers.

ANOTHER BALLET with a reactionary message of pessimism and superstition is Jinx, choreographed by Lew Christensen. The story is about a clown in a circus who is believed to be a jinx. So his fellow performers kill him and his ghost returns to haunt them. It is stupid, uninteresting choreographically, and in very bad taste.

Space prevents us from going into detail on Symphony in C by Bizet and Divertimento. Both are abstract classical ballets in the Balanchine manner.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH NOTABLES

THE HEBREW IMPACT ON WESTERN CIVILIZATION. Edited by Dagobert D. Runes. Philosophical Library. New York. 922 pp. \$10.

By Robert Friedman

THE HEBREW IMPACT ON Western Civilization, edited by D. R. Runes, contains 18 essays, each of which reports and evaluates the role of Jewish men and women in the various fields of human endeavor throughout the ages. Thus, there are contributions on the Jew in journalism, politics, the arts, military strategy, sociology, etc.

The editor begins the lengthy volume with the words "This book is a book of propaganda." With valid emotion, he asserts that the full enormity of the slaughter of millions of European Jews by the fascists has never been grasped by the people of the world, and that the outcry of horror and protest has not truly approximated the reaction required by the immensity of the crime.

Thus, this book, in detailing the hundreds and thousands of names of Jews who won prominence in their time, is intended to show the world the breadth of the contributions Jews have made to society.

As a sort of encyclopedia, The Hebrew Impact on Western Civilization is a useful source of biographical information on the great many men and women notables of Jewish origin.

But, impressive as the catalogue of names becomes, one concludes this volume with the feeling that little, else had been demonstrated. For, with equal fervor, the book lists a Karl Marx and a Louis B. Mayer. Millionaires, reactionaries, radicals, great scientists and briefly popular entertainers are jumbled together and, since the class roots of anti-Semitism are not exploded, it is dubious as to just how the book contributes to the fight against anti-Semitism. Rather, it becomes an exercise in bourgeois nationalism.

## The Martinsville Seven

Seven have died because their skins were black.

Did John Brown march for this, did Lincoln's voice

Speak for the heroic past, the mighty dead,

And a great nation make immortal choice

When the chained slave rose and raised his head,

Stood on his feet in dignity and pride?

Because their skins were black, seven men have died.

Oh wind of wrath, oh wind of justice, sweep

Over the continents, waken from its sleep

The conscience of mankind; seven upon the rack,

Symbol of all the lives by murder spilt.

On those who judged, on those who stood aside,

On those whose words that murder justified,

Shall through the ages burn the brand of guilt.

—STELLA CLAYDON.

(Reprinted from London Daily Worker)

## Not All Plays 'Socially Aware'

In the Daily Worker of Feb. 22, Samuel Sillen reported the threat of a Washington crackdown on several American stage successes now playing abroad. Due to a somewhat misleading headline which described the plays as "socially aware," some readers got the impression that the article was endorsing all the plays as a group. This was contrary to Sillen's intention, particularly in the case of Carson McCullers' Member of the Wedding, a play which is guilty of white chauvinism.—Ed.

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# Wall Street Directors Cash In on Basketball

## Griffis, Ambassador to Franco, on Garden Board Along with Chrysler, Gimbel, Odlum, Others

By Lester Rodney

Who really owns and controls Madison Square Garden, the center of New York's sport life, busiest indoor sports arena in the land? Who rakes in the dough when the unpaid college basketball players pound the boards all winter long? Who collects when the Carmine Vingos are battered into lifelong cripples in the boxing ring, while the television cameras grind away? Who is behind the virtuous uproar trying to direct public fury at the Negro and white college youngsters who were lured into trying to get just an infinitesimal part of the money they coin for others?

Who really pulls the strings when the Garden, supposedly a semi-public institution, closes its doors to the Council on African Affairs and Paul Robeson, and forbids Negro college teams to participate in the basketball schedules?

Take a good look at the list printed on this page today. There they are, the "great and good sportsmen" who run the show. Multi-millionaire directors of some of this country's biggest businesses, vicious exploiters of the Caribbean and South American workers, recipients of fat war contracts, bankers and trustees.

Bernard F. Gimbel, big department store owner. . . . James Norris, director of the West Indies Sugar Corporation which milks the people of Puerto Rico dry while keeping them in El Fanguito slums. . . . Floyd Odlum director of the United Fruit Company which keeps so many Latin American countries as semi-colonies to Wall Street, "Banana Republics." . . . John Hertz, director of the New York Omnibus Company, one of the beneficiaries of the big fare steal. . . . Sidney Weinberg, director of General Electric. . . . and Stanton Griffis, the carefully selected ambassador to the fascist butcher Franco.

There's been a lot of vague talk about the "commercialization of our sports life." Here it is, brother! Here are the men who run the central arena for our country's indoor sports life, who cash in on the talents of the Whites, Smiths, Romans and Warners they and the sports columnist of the New York Post would now consign to jail!

Here is the factual evidence of the big business blight that has turned "amateur" sports into just another racket to be squeezed for all that's in it. This is monopoly capitalism, corrupting and despoiling everything decent it can get its hand on.

Ned Irish, who so admirably carries out their policies, is obviously just a well paid errand boy for these babies. They are big money, big enough to sit high in the war councils. Griffis goes to Franco to fit the fascist dictator into the "Free World." Chrysler gets the tank orders. Odlum and Hertz cash in on the "emergency" racket through big airplane orders for which we pay unprecedented taxes, and at the same time, record high prices for the fruit, sugar, coffee and dairy products well represented in this crew.

### TIGER PITCHERS WIRE BERRA

LAKE LAND, Fla., Feb. 27 (UP).—The Detroit Tigers today sent holdout catcher Larry Berra of the New York Yankees the following telegram:

"As far as we are concerned you can stay out all year and make us very happy indeed." It was signed, "The Detroit Tigers' pitching staff."

Weinberg sits in Washington next to General Clay, the man who freed the Bitch of Buchenwald, director of the sport of lampshade making under Hitler.

ONE OF THE CCNY players hustled along by the cops to the District Attorney's office as a "big criminal" while the newsreel cameras ground away, said he hated to ask his father for the price of a suit he needed. Madison Square Garden was built in 1925 with a five million dollar investment. Profits, free and clear, for the period between 1940 and May, 1950 totalled \$7,153,000. Figures on profits between 1925 and 1940 were not available. Seven million for ten years on an investment of five million. A 143 percent return, clear, free, after taxes, and this does not include the big money going to promoters, school administrations, professional team owners, etc.

Off to jail with the "corrupt" basketball players, who tried to muscle in just a teeny weeny bit on "our way of life." The sports lovers who run the Garden pulled in so much money they had to list \$3,595,530 as "earned surplus," just a little loose change left over. "Earned" surplus! Did you ever buy a ticket at the Garden to see Floyd Odlum drive in for lay-up shots, playing forty minutes of the fastest, most gruelling game yet devised? Did you ever see Walter Chrysler Jr. soar over fourteen feet in the pole vault?

Read the list again.

The headlines blare. The flash bulbs pop. "Betrayers," "Traitors," scream the papers at the young students who have been arrested. Now let's see these same papers run the fact on who owns the Garden and how much money they make.

### BILLY JOHNSON IN AT 13,500

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 27 (UP).—Third-baseman Billy Johnson signed his 1951 contract today leaving catcher Larry Berra and pitcher Tommy Byrnes as the only unsigned New York Yankees.

Johnson came to terms for about \$13,500 a few hours after manager Casey Stengel announced that rookie Mickey Mantle and Gil McDougald would alternate at the hot corner in exhibition games this spring.

Johnson, who is almost a cinch to be the Yankees' regular third baseman in the absence of Army-bound Bobby Brown, hit .260 in 108 games last year.

### Rosen Doesn't Think Was Over His Head

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 27 (UP).—Al Rosen, homerun king of the American League last season, joined the varsity squad today.

Rosen said he was confident he would match or better his sensational freshman year performance. He clouted 37 homers, drove in 116 runs and batted .287 last season.

"I know there is talk that I was over my head," the fiery third sacker said. "But I don't think so. I think I'll improve my average."

## Hearn Nixes Giants 15Gs

SANFORD, Fla., Feb. 27. — Pitcher Jim Hearn turned down a \$15,000 New York Giant offer today and vice-president Charles Feeney angrily termed the big right-hander's demands "unreasonable."

Hearn is demanding \$20,000 after sensationally winning 11 games in a half season for the Giants and leading the National League with a 2.49 earned run average. He received about \$8,500 last season, which he started with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Club president Horace Stoneham, en route from New York, where he attended his mother's funeral, is due here tomorrow and is expected to take over the bargaining with Hearn.

Feeney indicated the club will not budge from its \$15,000 offer.

## courtstuff

NYU was back in the tourney picture with a bang as the result of its easy 87-72 victory over Notre Dame at the Garden Monday night. The Violets, who ripped the conquerors of St. Louis with ease, and could have run the score to 100 if they hadn't let down have lost four games and that's not many the way things are going.

However, they have two more games to go, both tough. On Saturday they play Fordham, and on Tuesday night they wind up the Garden schedule with the traditional CCNY game.

Dick Bunt and Abe Becker, the two seniors, led the scoring with 24 apiece, while soph Solomon and Mel Seeman did some scrappy rebounding. It was Bunt's best game, and Becker, as usual, came up with a top performance against the South Benders. Coach Krause rated NYU high and thought they should do well in the N.I.T.

FORDHAM PUTS ITS hopes on the line tonight at the Armory against St. Johns, which is already in. A runaway defeat would knock them out of things. . . .

Oklahoma A&M, not yet in as Missouri Valley champs, lost their second game as Bradley nipped them 51-50 at Stillwater. . . . Kansas State clinched the Big Seven title by murdering Nebraska 74-48. They are not allowed to play in the Invitational, so won't double up. . . . Indiana kept its Big Ten hopes alive, trimming Iowa 63-53. Illinois will have to lose one of its last two games, with Northwestern and Wisconsin, to give the Hoosiers a chance.

NYU PUT ITS freshman team on display in the opener, and if the phony war emergency doesn't wreck the team, it will move up a sensational-looking group of stars, including two Negro players, next year. The long campus fight paid off. Six-eight Charley Whitehead and six-foot floorman Henry Booker will really fit in. Boris Nachamkin, 6-6, the prize from Jefferson, is very impressive, as are several other smaller speedsters on the best freshman club in some time.

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## Layne Confesses, CCNY Drops Sports

### FLASH

Floyd Layne, CCNY basketball star, confessed last night to "throwing" basketball games for bribes totaling \$4,000, the District Attorney's office announced.

District Attorney Hogan late yesterday afternoon said he was "questioning" CCNY star Floyd Layne, and president Harry S. Wright announced that the school was dropping sports for the rest of the season cancelling two remaining games with Manhattan and NYU scheduled for tomorrow night and next Tuesday.

The CCNY announcement means the cancellation of the final two games on the program, with Manhattan tomorrow night and the traditional windup with NYU Tuesday night. It also puts the team out of consideration as defending champions of the Invitation Tourney.

LIU pulled out of sports last week and a big student movement developed immediately for a reversal. CCNY went ahead with its game, playing and beating Lafayette last Thursday with a re-constituted team as the largest student crowd ever turned out from the school to fight back against enemies of City College.

Wright's statement said, "It is felt that the college no longer should continue to meet its scheduled obligations in the present atmosphere of uncertainty and suspicion."

Late Monday night, a former LIU player, Nathan Miller, was arrested on the charge of taking \$1500 for "throwing games" to Bowling Green and Western Kentucky in 1948. Assistant District Attorney Morris Goldman said another "payoff man" was being sought.

MILLER WAS RELEASED on \$1,500 bail. The 25-year-old Brooklynite is married and has one child. A small player, standing about 5-9, he never was a heavy scorer but was a heady floorman and fine scrapper. As a GI in the infantry, he had part of his shoulder torn away in Germany by shrapnel, the big scar being evident in basketball uniform.

In Buffalo during a team with Canisius, Miller answered an anti-Jewish insult by running into the stands and punching a heckler.